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A place to find an apprenticeship

The Australian Apprenticeships Pathways (AAP) website has a Job Search section that has a comprehensive list, with links, to general and specific job search websites that may also relate to apprenticeships and traineeships. Visit the [AAP website](#) to access the sites.

Baking Industry - new website launched

To further support more people to become bakers, the National Baking Industry Association (NBIA) has launched the [Baking Career Website](#), a new online resource to assist with promoting the baking career path. The website explains what a baker does, and the career path options as well as providing an insight into what real bakers are saying about their career choice. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Do you want to become an apprentice?

Australian Apprenticeships are available to anyone. They:

- offer you the opportunity to study and earn an income while undertaking a qualification.
- can be done by anyone of working age.
- give you the chance to learn new skills while getting paid in more than 500 careers and jobs.
- can be done full-time, part-time or while you're at school.
- You can use your qualification to work anywhere in Australia and around the world.

[Click here](#) to read more about taking on an apprenticeship including:

- Where can I find more information?
- What apprenticeship should I do?
- I want to be an Australian Apprentice. What's next?



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- What about my rights and wages?
- What if I'm still at school?
- Where can I find more information?
- Find a provider (AASN Search)
- Australian School-based Apprenticeships

Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) dedicated job board

MTA Queensland has introduced a dedicated [jobs board](#), purposefully tailored to promote jobs for school students and school leavers. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Opportunities in construction and property services

Matching who you are with what you do seems like a good idea, yet most people are in jobs that don't match their personal style and natural talent. [MyCareerMatch](#) will help you to:

- Discover your strengths and talents and the careers that match in the construction and property services industry
- Boost your self-awareness of your employability skills
- Use your personal content from the report to strengthen your resume
- Consider your career options with links to job information, video and training

QANTAS Apprenticeship Program

Qantas Engineering offers a variety of apprenticeships in aircraft maintenance and other trades. They offer the opportunity to train and gain experience in first class facilities to become a qualified and highly trained tradesperson. They offer a variety of apprenticeships at their Brisbane and other airport maintenance facilities. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Aircraft trades
- Non-aircraft trades
- Requirements
- Recruitment process
- Training
- Career development

QBuild apprenticeships

The Queensland Government is looking for trade apprentices to join the QBuild team. Trades available include carpentry, refrigeration mechanic, electrical, painting, and plumbing across Queensland. There's plenty of variety for a QBuild apprentice with no two days the same. One day an apprentice could work on a new build, and the next, could perform restoration or maintenance work on a heritage building. A QBuild apprenticeship offers a flexible, safe, inclusive and diverse work environment with a chance to earn income while you learn. Click [here](#) for more information.



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Queensland Government apprenticeship assistance

The Queensland Government offers support to encourage employers to take on more apprentices. Read more about [apprenticeship training](#) and [financial help](#) that may be available if you are thinking about starting an apprenticeship.

Skills Gateway

On the Skills Gateway you can search course information to find qualifications, government funding and training providers. You can also find a Skilling Queenslanders for Work project near you. Click [here](#) for more information.

What apprenticeships or traineeships can I do

The Queensland Government has information that will help you find an apprenticeship or traineeship that suits your interests and the skills you want to develop:

- [A-Z of apprenticeships](#)
- [A-Z of traineeships](#).

Once you've decided what apprenticeship or traineeship you want to do, you'll need to find an employer in that industry to take you on as an apprentice or trainee. You and your new employer will sign the training contract paperwork and get started training with your training organisation. Read how to [get started as an apprentice or trainee](#).



Australian Defence Force



Upcoming Australian Defence Force (ADF) events

For details about the following events and more information on Army Reserve Information Sessions, visit the [Defence Jobs Australia Facebook site](#), or visit the [ADF's Upcoming Events page](#).

- 17/10/2023 [Cairns: Army Careers Information Session](#)
- [Maroochydore: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 24/10/2023 [Maroochydore: Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- [Brisbane: Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- [Toowoomba: Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- [Bundaberg: Trade Careers Information Session](#)
- 25/10/2023 [Capalaba: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- [Capalaba: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 31/10/2023 [Townsville: Army Careers Information Session](#)
- 01/11/2023 [Gold Coast: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Want a career with a difference?

Expand your musical repertoire across a variety of genres, playing with Defence Force bands at military, community and charity functions across Australia and potentially overseas. You can continue your love of music while being a member of the [Army](#), [Navy](#) or [Airforce](#).



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Career Exploration



Career exploration

myfuture is a great website to find information to assist you in doing some quality career research especially now as key decisions need to be made for senior schooling or life after school. On the myfuture [website](#), you can find information about:

- My career profile - Complete activities to identify interests, values and skills and view suggested occupations to explore career pathways.
- Occupations - Explore over 350 occupations describing tasks, skill levels and current labour market information.
- Industries - Access important information (including employment prospects) for each industry.
- Career articles - Discover practical information to support your career exploration.
- Courses - Discover a course for you by viewing current higher education and vocational education and training (VET) courses.
- Career bullseyes - Find out what career pathways are related to school subjects that you like.
- Career stories - Learn tips and tricks by reading real-life career stories about personal experiences.
- Job Seeker resources - Discover resume and cover letter templates and other resources to help you find and gain a job.
- User guide videos - View short videos that demonstrate key sections of the website to learn how to get the most out of myfuture.

You have to sign up to the site, but it is free, and they only ask for an email address and your postcode.

Careers with STEM magazines

Careers with STEM produces annual magazines that are packed with information about STEM qualifications, study options and career options. Click [here](#) to read the 2023 magazines that have information on the following areas and more:



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- Environment and Data
- Engineering
- Defence
- Economics
- Maths and Data
- Science

Occupations and jobs

‘Occupation’ is the name given to the type of work a person does. For example, a doctor, mechanic, project manager, physiotherapist or cabinet maker. You'll probably work in a number of different occupations over the course of your working life. The good news? Many of the skills and abilities developed working in one occupation are directly transferable and applicable to others. The [Job Outlook website](#) has information on hundreds of different occupations. They also offer job descriptions and details of average wages and main tasks. By exploring the website, you can get a sense of the kind of work that might suit you. The site can also help you understand the skills and roles that will be in demand in the future. You can also do a Career Quiz that will give you some ideas for further research.

Sports and Recreation industry

The Sports and Recreation industry is not just about entertainment, it also plays a crucial role in the well-being of all Australians. When most people think about this sector, they immediately think about competitive sports but there's much more to it. Sports and Recreation contribute to the physical and mental well-being of different communities in a variety of ways. It's a rewarding industry to get involved in and the number of career pathways will probably surprise you! Most organisations within the sports and recreation industry are small to medium enterprises that work closely with the local community. These could be:

- Community sports and fitness centres or gyms
- Professional sport and fitness facilities, such as stadiums
- Professional athletes and competitive sports players
- Sports coaching groups
- Sports facilities management and groundskeeping
- Sports nutrition, therapy and wellbeing
- Sporting events management

[Click here](#) to read more about this industry including:

- What you could do
- Graduate employment and gender split
- Qualifications and entry pathways
- Average salary

The A-Z of STEM careers

Are you interested in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics) but don't know what jobs are out there? *Careers with STEM* has put together an alphabetical list of jobs that you



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may be interested in. [Click here](#) for more information starting with A for astrophysicist all the way to Z for Zoologist!

Videos about jobs

If you don't know anyone working in a job that you are interested in, then watch a video about the job. Visit the [myfuture YouTube channel](#) to view over 45 videos on a broad range of jobs.

Work experience and why it matters

Work experience can open up your mind to the great possibilities for your career. You can learn a lot about:

- the workplace you visit
- the types of education and training required to enter different jobs
- how the job might fit within your own life.

Often parents and students think that the purpose of work experience is to assist you to obtain part-time work. But this undervalues work experience as a program to help you explore, develop and refine your career aspirations. So how do you get the most out of work experience? [Read about](#) a few points you could consider:

- Be informed
- Be prepared
- Start now
- Be resilient
- Be involved

Workforce Australia

Workforce Australia is a place where you can search and apply for jobs or find more information on your pathway to employment. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Popular services:
 - Help
 - Learn about Obligations
 - Find your local provider
 - Starting a business
 - Harvest jobs
 - Activities to support you into work
 - Explore training options
 - Consider a new career
 - Learn about your student identifier number
- Programs and activities to prepare you for work
- Tips and advice





QUT's Business case and law moot competitions

Learn what it's like to solve real business problems or argue cases in front of judges by participating in one of QUT's 2024 high school competitions. Register to receive more information on [BlueShift](#) and the [High School Moot Competition](#). Registrations open on 1 November and close on 27 February 2024. If interested, speak with your teacher or Guidance Officer/School Counsellor.

SAE FlickerUp youth short film competition

Flickerfest is an Academy Awards® Qualifying and BAFTA Qualifying festival. FLICKERFEST, Australia's premier international short film festival, will be held at Sydney's famous Bondi Beach in January 2024. FlickerUp 2024 competition is an Australian Youth & Schools Competition which screens at Flickerfest and is open to films from students enrolled in secondary schools in Australia and individuals 18 years & under. Films must be under 35mins and completed in the last 2 years. Entries close on Tuesday 7th November 2023 Please email: industry@flickerfest.com.au with any enquiries. Selected films will screen on Saturday 27th January 2024 at the festival at Bondi Beach followed by an award presentation with our jury. Click [here](#) for more information and how to enter your film.

The Science and Engineering Challenge

The Science and Engineering Challenge, run in partnership between The University of Queensland and The University of Newcastle. It is designed for 9 and 10 students to foster their interest in STEM. The Challenge involves a full day of practical activities where students put their best problem-solving minds to:

- design efficient codes to send secret messages along fibre optic rods using pulses of coloured light.
- build a strong model **bridge** that can support a trolley carrying 'gold' ingots from one side of a test rig to the other, and much more!

If you are interested speak to your Science teacher or Guidance Officer/School counsellor. Applications are now open and close on 5 February 2024. Click [here](#) for more information.



Disabilities

Australian Government: Disability Employment Services

The Australian Government Services Australia's Disability Employment Services (DES) can help you find and keep a job if you have a disability. DES providers can help you gain the job-ready and job-seeking skills you may need. If necessary, they can also provide support once you are in a job. Visit the [DES website](#) for more information about this service.

Educational Access Scheme for QTAC applicants

Students with a disability are strongly encouraged to apply for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when applying for tertiary courses through QTAC. You may be eligible to receive Adjustment Factors that will improve your chance of receiving a course offer. It is not too late to apply for EAS if you have already put in your QTAC application. Visit the [Educational Access Scheme](#) on the QTAC website to download the relevant cover sheet (or sheets). Complete the cover sheet and upload your supporting documents to your QTAC application (by going to 'Outstanding Documents'). The final date to submit your EAS application for the offer-rounds on 21 December 2023 is 7 December and for 11 January 2024, 8 December 2024. Visit [Key dates and fees page](#) for offer round dates. QTAC recommends that current Year 12 students submit their application by the end of October, so additional information can be accessed from your school if necessary.

Studying at QUT with a disability, injury or health condition

Prospective students with a disability, injury or health condition are encouraged to make a pre-enrolment appointment with a QUT Disability Adviser to discuss their situation and potential adjustments which could assist their university learning. Visit [disability support website](#) for more information.



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Employment, Job & Labour Market Info



10 megatrends that will shape work and careers in 2040

A new CERIC-funded report from Creative Futures Studio Inc, a Canadian organisation, sheds light on 10 megatrends that will shape the future of work in Canada. The report, [Career Development in 2040](#), digs into the trends that workers, employers as well as those who advise them, need to understand to thrive in a labour market facing massive disruption. Based on an extensive literature review as well as interviews with career development professionals (CDPs) and career services users, the report highlights 10 major trends:

1. Work Anywhere
2. AI & Automation
3. Living with Climate Change
4. Geopolitical Conflicts
5. Reconciling the Impacts of Colonialism
6. Economic Precarity (uncertainty)
7. Globalization Under Pressure
8. Education, Disrupted
9. Declining Mental Health & Well-being
10. Generational Shifts

Click [here](#) to read more.

Do you have a summer job?

There are many benefits of getting a summer job including work experience and history, skill development, interview experience, improving your teamwork skills, money in the bank. This is a great time to start looking for a casual job over the Christmas holidays. If you are looking for somewhere to work, you could start with:

- Doing a Google search on Christmas holiday jobs
- Asking your parents and friends if they know of anything being offered



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- Go down to your local shopping centre and look for signs in shop windows (take your resume with you and dress well)
- Ask your friends with jobs to tell you if any jobs come up where they work

Good luck and happy hunting. Remember, you don't have to continue after the holidays end and you might just enjoy the gig.

Generative AI: How will it affect future jobs and workflows?

The McKinsey Global Institute have released a new podcast episode explaining why generative AI and other recent trends affecting the labor market point to the importance of upskilling, reskilling and training to empower the global workforce. As companies struggle to understand the implications and applications of generative AI, one thing seems clear: AI and its future iterations are not going anywhere. Click [here](#) to access the podcast.

How to write a resume

Youth Central has put together a resume template to help high school students to put together their first resume. A one-page resume is more than acceptable when you're just starting out in the world of work. You may end up with two pages but if your resume ends up being three pages long, you're probably providing too much information. [Click here](#) to find out about:

- The purpose of a resume
- How long should my resume be?
- How should I order my resume?
- Do I need to change my resume for each application?
- What your resume should include
- What NOT to put on your resume
- Reviewing your resume
- Resume templates

Looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship

Connected jobs and training has a job alert for school leavers. Click [here](#) and scroll down and then click on industry areas to find apprenticeship opportunities for school leavers.

Microsoft Traineeship Program - IT Traineeship

Kickstart your career in IT through the Microsoft Traineeship Program! MEGT is now taking expressions of interest for various Host Employers in Brisbane. Click [here](#) for more information.



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Need to write a cover letter?

One-page, ultra-long cover letters are a thing of the past. Jean Chatzky from Her Money writes that employers want to get to know your motivations, but no one wants to read more than a half page. Essentially, the new cover letter is a lot shorter and should also be sweeter, meaning that it has to show more personality. Take, for example, the character length of a Facebook post versus a Tweet. One has an unlimited number of characters (63,206, to be exact), while the other has just 280 characters. But a Tweet's limited character count inspires us to condense all the most important information and make sure our words pack a punch. Click [here](#) to read more about what employers are asking for in a cover letter.

Queensland Skills Gateway

The Queensland Government has the Queensland Skills Gateway [website](#) which has information to help you:

- Find a training course
- Occupations and industry information
- Your eligibility
- How to find employers and training organisations
- Quick links to other relevant information

Skills Priority List

The 2023 Skills Priority List shows 36% of occupations were in national shortage (332 out of 916), about 5 percentage points higher than 2022 (31% of occupations). The rise in shortages in 2023 from 2022 reflects the cumulative impacts of recruitment challenges stemming from a persistently tight labour market which began tightening from late 2021. Click [here](#) for more information and to read the report.

Specialties in psychology

There are many specialties in psychology. Some of the specialties include:

- Clinical neuropsychologists
- Clinical psychologists
- Community psychologists
- Psychologists with general registration
- Counselling psychologists
- Educational and developmental psychologists
- Forensic psychologists
- Health psychologists
- Organisational psychologists
- Sport and exercise psychologists

Read about these specialist areas on the Australian Psychological Society [website](#).



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Talk with Industry Series - Lawyers and Criminologists

ACU is hosting online sessions where you can hear from ACU alumni about their professional experiences after completing their studies at ACU. Hear from ACU graduates about their work experiences and get tips and advice for pursuing a career in law. Click [here](#) to hear from ACU graduates about their work experiences and get tips and advice for pursuing a career in law and criminology.



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Financial Assistance & Scholarships



ACU's scholarships opportunities webinar

On 22 November from 5 - 5.30pm join the ACU webinar to discover what scholarships you may be eligible for, hear from current scholarship recipients and learn about the application process. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

CAS Hawker Scholarships

The C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship commemorates the achievements of one of Australia's most respected pastoral pioneers who served in the First World War and went on to become a distinguished scholar and leading figure in the Federal Parliament. The Scholarship is available to Australian undergraduate and post-graduate students and is valued at up to \$60,000 and contribute to the cost of residential fees at either:

- Burgmann College, Canberra ACT
- St Marks College, Adelaide SA
- Roseworthy College, Roseworthy SA
- Robb College, Armidale NSW
- Trinity College, Cambridge UK
- Marcus Oldham College, Geelong VIC

You must be an Australian citizen and convincingly demonstrate your potential as a future leader, the contribution you have made to your school and community and your academic ability, in keeping with the example C.A.S. Hawker set as a leader and his contribution and service to Australia.

Applications for the 2024 [C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships](#) open on 4 December 2023 and close on 5 January 2024.



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Central Queensland University Scholarships for 2024

If you are thinking of studying at CQU, check out the wide variety of scholarships they have on offer. Click [here](#) to find the 2024 domestic and international student scholarships on offer, closing dates and application details. Remember, many scholarships go un-awarded due to lack of applicants so it's best to apply if you are considering CQUni as you may just be successful!

Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEF) scholarships

CEF Extra is a program designed to provide additional support to eligible CEF students. They work closely with generous individuals and organisations to offer extra funding opportunities in addition to local grants. Click [here](#) to read what is available and how to apply.

QUT Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship now open

The [Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship](#) provides:

- Up to \$20,000 in fully flexible funding for your undergraduate studies to put toward your course, degree materials or living expenses. This funding comprises of \$15,000 awarded directly to the scholar (\$5,000 per year, over three years) plus an additional \$5,000 to cover the cost of attending the Westpac Disruptive Leaders Program.
- Attendance at the Westpac Scholars Summit in Sydney.
- A one-week residential experience in Singapore to meet renowned tech experts from around the world while developing important soft skills in communication, cultural competence and leadership.
- Lifelong membership of the W100 Scholars Network – a diverse and growing community of inspiring Aussies ready to collaborate, challenge and offer support. Plus, hard-to-access networking and professional development opportunities.
- Entry into the QUT [College of Excellence](#).

[Explore all scholarships](#) and read [tips for applying from QUT students](#).

QUT sport and Esport scholarships

If you are an elite athlete in sport or Esport, QUT offer several scholarships that may assist you to balance your sporting and academic commitments. Click on the links below for more details about what you'll receive, eligibility, how to apply, what happens next and conditions. Find out about:

- [QUT Sport Scholarship \(Elite Athlete\)](#) - QUT offer scholarships for athletes competing at varying levels of sport. Scholarships are open to sportspeople representing in sports verified by Sport Australia.
- [QUT-AIS Scholarship](#) - \$10,000 scholarship, membership to QUT's Elite Athlete Program and the College of Excellence
- [QUT Esport Scholarship](#) - \$5,000 scholarship, member to the Tigers Esport Academy Development Program, nutrition and sports psychology services, membership to the QUT College of Excellence and Elite Athlete program



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Applications close on 13 January 2024.

Scholarships at QUT FAQs

Scholarships can make a real difference to your university experience and offer a wide range of benefits and opportunities. QUT have answered some [frequently asked questions about QUT scholarships](#). You may also be interested in these scholarships:

- QUT Business School's [Dean's Scholars Program](#) brings together academically talented peers in a structured program designed to sustain academic excellence and inspire an interest in research.
- Twenty [Faculty of Business and Law Excellence Scholarships](#) will be offered to commencing business, law and property economics students who achieve a minimum unadjusted ATAR of 95.00 and place a related QUT degree as their top QTAC preference.
- The [QUT Business School and Lord Mayor's Multicultural Round Table Scholarship](#), worth \$7,000 over two years, offers students from a culturally and linguistically diverse background a range of coaching, mentoring, career development and networking benefits to expand their skills and influence, and develop them into future multicultural business leaders.
- Indigenous female students with a passion to pursue business studies at QUT are well-supported by the [Laurie Cowled Indigenous Scholarship for Female Business students](#). Worth \$5,000 for one year, this program provides much needed financial support to help bridge the gap between school and university, to aid a successful transition.

Study Assist - government financial assistance for further study

The Australian Government provides financial assistance in several forms to young people wanting to take on a study program. On the Study Assist [website](#) you can find information about what to do before you study, HELP Loans including HECS loans, VET Students, Support while you study, paying back your loan and more information if you need help.

UQ and St Leo's College Scholarships

The St Leo's College Scholarship Program rewards future residents whose achievements deserve special commendation and recognition. This may be in the areas of academics, culture, sports or leadership or in the form of a desire to contribute to the College in its various local, national and global endeavours. Click [here](#) for more information on available scholarships, eligibility and closing dates.

University of the Sunshine Coast scholarships closing soon

Scholarships and bursaries aren't just for high academic achievers or if you are struggling financially. They're also available for students demonstrating sporting achievement or community involvement such as volunteering, fund raising or taking on a leadership role. Visit the Scholarship [web page](#) to see what is available before applications for Semester One 2024 scholarships close on 30 November 2023.



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Women in Science, Mathematics and IT Merit Scholarship

The [Women in Science, Mathematics and IT Merit scholarship](#) supports high-achieving female students who are starting their first year of an undergraduate degree in science, mathematics or IT. The scholarship fosters leadership and networking among emerging female technology leaders by encouraging scholarship recipients to contribute to and participate in activities with the Women in Science, Women in Maths, or Women in IT student clubs.



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Aurora Education Foundation

Aurora Education Foundation has 463 scholarships and grants that are currently open and that you can apply for. They range across many different institutions, qualifications and value. Check them out [here](#) and always remember, if you don't apply you will never get a scholarship.

Indigenous Commonwealth Education and Accommodation Scholarships through Griffith University

The Indigenous Commonwealth Education and Accommodation Scholarships are for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who have experienced financial hardship, and/or education disadvantage that has impacted their ability to achieve their full potential. The Indigenous Commonwealth Education Scholarship is valued at \$12,000, paid over a maximum of eight payments. The Indigenous Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship is valued at \$22,000 and is paid over a maximum of eight payments. Click [here](#) to find out more information about how to apply.



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Gap Year Program News



Spend your gap year as a volunteer

Volunteering is a great way to:

- Explore a range of jobs (gain work experience)
- Help you make new friends and contacts (expand your network)
- Improve your social, relationship and communication skills
- Increase your confidence and boost your self-esteem
- Keep you healthy, physically and mentally
- Add to your resume
- Help you learn new skills
- Connect to your community
- Develop effective team skills
- Gain a sense of well-being and fulfilment

Read the myfuture article '[Volunteering](#)' to understand the full range of benefits you receive through volunteering. For volunteering ideas, you can explore the following websites:

- [Volunteering Queensland](#)
- [Go Volunteer](#)
- [Seek Volunteer](#)
- [Volunteer with the Red Cross in Queensland.](#)



Private Provider Updates



Updates

BASAIR Aviation College

Are you thinking of aviation as a career? If you are wanting to become a commercial pilot, [BASAIR](#) offers a [Trial Instructional Flight](#). These flights can be booked any day of the week, and a typical booking is 1.5hrs, allowing you time to brief and de-brief after the flight. They also offer:

- Certificate III in Aviation - AVI30419 (Remote Pilot - Visual Line of Sight)
- Diploma of Aviation - AVI50219 (Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane)
- Diploma of Aviation - AVI50519 (Instrument Rating) - CRICOS Approved
- Diploma of Aviation - AVI50419 (Flight Instructor)
- Diploma of Aviation - Combined Package Diploma of Aviation - AVI50219 (Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane) and Diploma of Aviation - AVI50519 (Instrument Rating)

Click [here](#) to find out more including the Brisbane Pilot Career Seminars held on [19 October](#) and [16 November](#).

Offer certainty for Year 12 students at Griffith College

Griffith College offers Year 12 graduates study options that are not based on ATAR results as you don't need an ATAR to apply. Successful study at Griffith College will see you progress to your chosen bachelor's degree at Griffith University. The following are suggestions for meeting eligibility for entry into a course:

- Queensland Certificate of Education (or equivalent from another state)
- A statement of results with a grade of C or better in Units 3 and 4 in three General or Applied subjects
- Completed Certificate III
- An ATAR

Students must list Griffith College as one of their preferences on their QTAC application. [Click here](#) for more information including:



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- [Study options](#)
- [Student life](#)
- [Student support](#)
- [How to apply](#)
- [Latest news](#)

SAE QANTM

SAE Brisbane campus is located in Brisbane's West End. You will have access to state-of-the-art studios and equipment, a teaching and learning team committed to excellence in education and specialist training. SAE Brisbane offers courses in:

- [Animation](#)
- [Audio](#)
- [Creative Industries](#)
- [Creative Technologies](#)
- [Design](#)
- [Film](#)
- [Games](#)
- [Music](#)

Click [here](#) to find out more about their facilities, upcoming events, latest news and courses on offer.

Take a 360 look into immersive sound

SAE say that after 50 years of stereo, 360-degree immersive sound is set to become the next major technological advancement in the audio and music industries. Following their panel discussion at the inaugural Sound West conference in Western Sydney, SAE audio lecturers Chris Hancock and Stewart Geddes shared their insights into the industry, and what it's like educating the next generation of audio engineers. Click [here](#) to find out more.



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QTAC & Tertiary Entry

Assistance Schemes and Adjustment Factors

The following are the various assistance schemes that can be applied for through QTAC. It is wise to read about each scheme to see if you are eligible to apply. They all have different advantages, and you may need to apply for some schemes prior to you receiving an offer. There are several government, institution and private schemes that can provide financial assistance to students:

- [Educational Access Scheme](#)
- [Financial assistance](#)

Each institution has its own student assistance schemes so it's best to access this information through individual participating University [websites](#). Click [here](#) for information about the assistance schemes found on the QTAC website including:

- Special admission schemes
- Year 12 subject scheme
- Access and equity schemes
- Rural Access Scheme
- Regional preference schemes
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander schemes
- Elite Athlete and Performer Scheme
- Other special admission schemes

Deadline for written statement and online assessment requirements for education courses

If you are applying for entry into tertiary education courses for 2024, you must submit written statements and complete an online questionnaire to address your suitability criteria for the course. These form part of your QTAC application. These statements must be submitted before the QTAC documentation due dates (see Page 18 in your QTAC Guide or Key dates on the QTAC [website](#)). You must have submitted your statements by 7 December 2023 for the 21 December 2023 offer round

and the 8 December 2023 for the 11 January 2024 offer round. Visit the [QTAC website](#) to view a Fact Sheet explaining what is required in the written statements.

Pathways to university study

While an ATAR is still the most popular pathway to gaining entry to your preferred university course, it is not the only pathway available in Queensland. If you don't achieve your university course goal straight after Year 12, it is not the end of the road. There are many upgrading pathways available to you. Several tertiary institutions have web pages dedicated to the alternative pathways to tertiary studies.

- Australian Catholic University – [Admission Pathways](#)
- Bond University – [Diploma Preparation Program](#)
- CQUniversity – [Entry Pathway](#)
- Griffith University - [Admission Pathways](#)
- James Cook University – [Discover Your Pathway](#)
- Queensland University of Technology – [Admission Pathways](#)
- TAFE Queensland – [University pathways](#)
- University of Queensland – [Consider your pathway options](#)
- University of Southern Queensland – [Pathway Programs](#)
- University of the Sunshine Coast – [Uni Pathways](#)

Also, check out the [Upgrading Pathways](#) page on the QTAC website. Note that some of the pathways are specific to the institution that is listing them. You should always check that the institution you want to go to accepts the pathway you are thinking of choosing.

Some QTAC Q&As

Q. I applied for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when I applied to QTAC. What do I need to do now?

A. If you didn't download an Educational Access Scheme cover sheet/s for the category/categories you are applying for, [click here](#), scroll down to cover sheets, then click on the relevant EAS category. The cover sheet/sheets provide a list of all documentation that you will need to submit to QTAC by the [due date](#).

Q. I didn't apply for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when I applied to QTAC. Can I still apply for EAS?

A. Yes. You can go back into your application and apply for EAS. Then you need to download the relevant cover sheet (or sheets) from the [EAS page](#) on the QTAC website. Complete all the requirements listed on the cover sheet. Attach any required supporting documents by uploading to your QTAC application or post your completed EAS application to QTAC. Some cover sheets may require a school statement. QTAC would like Year 12 students to submit their EAS applications by the end of October.

Q. I am totally confused about offer rounds. According to the 2024 Year 12 Guide, the offer-round for my courses is 11 January 2024. Now I hear that I could get an earlier offer.



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A. Institutions can give offers to eligible applicants (i.e., applicants who have met all the entry requirements) at different times. Visit the [Course Offer Dates](#) page on the QTAC website for dates when institutions might give offers. Offers will be made on all offer-round dates. It is essential that you keep checking your emails as this is how QTAC will let you know you have an offer (don't forget to check your Spam or Junk box!). This is critical as you must respond to an offer by the due date (often within 4 days) or your offer will lapse and you will not be considered for any other courses in future offer rounds.

Q. I applied for a university course that requires an audition but didn't do the audition. Will I still be considered for entry to this course?

A. You should contact the university. However, the answer will probably be 'No'.

Q. I am not sure what my ATAR will be. The Pathways (preferences 5 and 6) courses on my QTAC application have previous minimum thresholds of ATAR 78. Is this a good enough safety net?

A. No. It is advisable to select pathways courses (especially your 6th preference) which indicate that all applicants received an offer in 2023. Remember, you can always go back into your QTAC application AFTER you receive your ATAR and make any changes to your preferences that will see you competitive in gaining a place in a course in 2024.

Q. Where can I get help with my QTAC application after I leave school?

A. Your best source of help at that time of the year is [QTAC](#). You can ring QTAC on 1300 467 822 or email QTAC. You may want to email as the QTAC phone is very busy at this time of year and you need to be patient as you will be on a queue.

Update on Lowest ATAR/Rank offered Semester 1 2023 for courses in 2024

A reminder that when you are looking at the Lowest ATAR/Rank offered Semester 1 2023 for the course/s you are interested in, you should be referring to the ADJUSTED ATAR only. There have been some differences in the Lowest ATAR/Rank offered Semester 1 2023 recorded in the 2024 QTAC Guide and what is on the Universities website. Regarding the Lowest ATAR/Rank offered Semester 1 2023, we suggest that you ALWAYS go by what is on the University website.



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Study Skills & Wellbeing



5 tips to help you cope with stress

Research from the American Mental Health First Aid indicates that high school students spend most of their time attending classes, participating in extracurricular activities and doing homework. There is constant pressure to do everything and do it well to prepare for a successful career or higher education after high school. This can cause a lot of stress. Although a moderate amount of stress in our lives is manageable, excess stress doesn't get you anywhere positive. [The article](#) provides you with some tips to manage your stress in a healthy way such as:

1. Get some sleep
2. Focus on your strengths
3. Do things that make you happy
4. Engage in physical activity
5. Talk to someone

Am I stressed?

[Healthdirect](#) has put together a list of body, mind and behavioural stress symptoms. Knowing what to look for and getting on top of your stress can make your life manageable, successful and happy. Some of the signs of stress that they identify are:

Body The symptoms of stress and changes with your body that you may notice include:

- [headaches](#)
- other [aches and pains](#)
- [sleep disturbance](#)
- [fatigue](#)
- upset stomach, [diarrhoea](#)
- muscle tension

Mind The symptoms of stress affecting your mind, thoughts and feelings include:

- [anxiety](#), worry
- [anger](#), irritability
- [depression](#) or sadness
- feeling overwhelmed and out of control
- feeling restless
- feeling moody, tearful
- difficulty concentrating
- [low self-esteem](#), lack of confidence

Behaviour The symptoms of stress that impact your behaviour include:

- [overeating or undereating](#)
- outbursts of anger
- [relationship problems](#)
- [alcohol, smoking or drug abuse](#)
- avoiding people

If you are experiencing any of these signs of stress or just not feeling yourself, you need to speak with someone - parents, family doctor, psychologist. Don't try to manage excess stress by yourself.

Effective ways to memorise for exams

Studying for exams is challenging but with some tips it cannot be as stressful. Click [here](#) to read an article written by Jess Holsman, Deakin psychology graduate and founder of YouTube's 'Study With Jess', where she gives advice to thousands of students around the world on effective study. She outlines some different study techniques that involve active learning and that are tailored to each of the four types of learning styles:

- Visual learners
- Auditory learners
- Read and write learners
- Kinaesthetic/Physical learners

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority external assessment support

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) are developing a suite of short videos featuring Dr Judith Locke, Clinical Psychologist to help you overcome common issues relating to study and exams. The first video, about maintaining a balanced life while studying, is available on the [myQCE website](#) and more will be added soon. You can find additional resources, including the 2023 External assessment guide, on the [myQCE website](#).

Things I wish I knew before leaving school

Felicia Jaremus is a researcher at the University of Newcastle. The following information comes from a research project led by Felicia and funded by the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education. She interviewed 21 young people to gain an understanding of the pathways they took and the choices they made since leaving school and how these related to their aspirations at school.



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The young people were given the opportunity to reflect on what they wish they had known when they were at school. Their advice may help you better prepare for life after school. Click [here](#) to read about some of their thoughts including:

- There are different ways to enter university other than the Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranking (ATAR)
- Hearing from students who have recently left school
- Not everyone completes their degree and jobs after university can be hard to get
- It's ok not to go to university
- There are many career options, including those that don't require a university degree
- Mental health and wellbeing are important when considering the future



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TAFE Queensland Updates



Free TAFE for Year 12 graduates

To support Queensland's Year 12 graduates to successfully transition to employment, the Government is offering [fee-free TAFE](#) in high priority qualifications. The training is available through a range of Certificate III level vocational education and training (VET) courses as well as apprenticeships and traineeships. View the [courses offered by TAFE Queensland](#) and the full list of high priority qualifications is available on the [Department of Employment, Small Business and Training website](#).



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Universities



2024 directory of performing arts courses

Interested in performing arts courses? Access the [Stage Whispers Directory of Performing Arts Courses 2024](#) for a comprehensive list of performing arts courses in Australia and New Zealand.

Census date at Uni - important information if you are not happy at Uni

Census date is the date in which your enrolment and fee arrangements/responsibilities are considered finalised for the study period. Census date is the last date you can drop a course/subject/s without receiving a financial or academic penalty. Each university has their individual policies, and you can find them by simply googling 'Census Date + Universities'. If you are wanting to leave or defer a course/degree, make sure you talk with Student Services BEFORE census date.

Student One - Brisbane Student Accommodation

[Student One](#) knows that when deciding where to live, it's important to consider more than just your place of study. You're choosing your new home, so your surroundings, cost of living, work life, and social life should all be considered. Their location in Brisbane's central business district puts you just a short walk away from major universities, shopping centres, entertainment and nightlife. With easy access to all that Brisbane has to offer, you can explore the city and get where you need to go quickly.

The five most common university myths debunked

There are popular myths about university study some of which are:



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First year Uni doesn't count – False. At most universities, first year results contribute to your final grade point average (GPA). Your GPA is of interest to future employers. Furthermore, your first year GPA (if good enough) can be used to be competitive for entry to your preferred course if you didn't get straight into it from school. You can apply for scholarships once you get to Uni and your GPA is important when applying for these scholarships.

I'll be paying off my HECS-HELP debt for the rest of my life – False. The HECS-HELP loan scheme helps you pay your part of the cost of the course you are studying (called 'Student contribution'). You begin paying it through the Australian Tax Office as part of your income tax once you have completed your course and are earning a threshold amount (\$51,550 from 1 July 2023). You don't pay interest on your debt, but it is indexed each year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. Click [here](#) to access the 2023 Commonwealth Supported Places and HECS-HELP information brochure.

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

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

Lectures can be skipped – Yes and No. Lectures are usually recorded and made available online, so technically, you don't need to attend in person. However, there is good reasons why you should go to every class. Attendance might form part of a percentage of your final mark. You're paying to sit in that lecture theatre, so you might as well show up and enjoy it. Lectures provide an opportunity to make new friends and of course, impress a lecturer or two. Lecturers are great contacts for future employment.

Australian Catholic University

Bachelor of Human Rights

Human rights are a rapidly growing area of multidisciplinary study that supports an expanding job market in the human rights sector. The Bachelor of Human Rights will provide students with a deep understanding of human rights that is enriched by perspectives from law, philosophy and the humanities. Students will apply their knowledge to practical professional contexts and complete a placement in the human rights sector. Graduates of this program will bring their multidisciplinary expertise in human rights to a wide variety of professional settings in the corporate, government and non-government sectors. Click [here](#) for more information.



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Bond University

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Bond Uni is located on the Gold Coast. They adopt a personalised approach to education, small class sizes and global networks. [Click here](#) to find out more about:

- Study
- Life at Bond
- Entry to Bond
- Our university
- Current students
- Scholarships

Medicine at Bond

The [medical program at Bond](#) is comprised of two sequential degrees: Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMedSt) and Doctor of Medicine (MD). Click [here](#) for important dates and deadlines for the 2024 intake. Enrolments in the program are *strictly limited* to ensure small class sizes and sufficient clinical placements. As such, entry is extremely competitive, therefore applicants are selected through a rigorous assessment process:

Step 1: Academic Assessment

Step 2: Psychometric Test

Step 3: Interview

Click [here](#) to find out more about the program and entry requirements.

Central Queensland University

Accommodation options for 2024

CQU offers students accommodation options across its two main campuses [Capricornia College](#) in Rockhampton and [Canefield College](#) in Mackay. Both campuses are now [accepting applications](#) for Semester 1, 2024. Click [here](#) to read more about the on-campus accommodation options at CQU.

Book a conversation

To help you explore your future study options or answer your questions, you can book a conversation with the CQU support team where they can answer your questions about course options and pathways. Choose your preferred day, time and chat platform - phone, zoom, email or Facebook Messenger. Click [here](#) to book a conversation.



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Griffith University

Campus tours

Experience life at Griffith with a free tour of the Griffith Gold Coast, Nathan or South Bank campuses, the College of Art or Conservatorium. You will visit lecture theatres, teaching spaces and some of the many state-of-the-art facilities and amenities on offer. Click [here](#) to make a booking.

Information for high school students

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

- Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee
- ATAR Guarantee
- Prerequisites and Assumed Knowledge
- Griffith Bridging English
- Adjustment factors
- International Baccalaureate Diploma
- Rural Priority Access Scheme
- All about your ATAR
- VET pathways
- Study uni while at school
- High achievers
- Elite Athletes
- Scholarships

Rural priority places for medicine, medical science and dentistry

Griffith understand the unique challenges that students from rural backgrounds face when considering university. To help develop the next generation of doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals who understand the issues facing rural communities, several places are set aside in their [Rural Priority Access Scheme](#) for students from a rural background. Eligibility is based on [residential location](#) in accordance with the Australian Government's definition of [rurality](#). Commonwealth Supported Places are set aside for rural students in the following degrees:

- [Doctor of Medicine](#)
- [Bachelor of Medical Science](#)
- [Bachelor of Dental Health Science](#)

Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee and invitation email

Griffith offer a range of [Guaranteed Admission Schemes](#) for both ATAR and VET applicants and have recently made a number of positive changes to these pathways, admission requirements and degrees. Click [here](#) if you were unable to attend their recent Early Offer webinar but would like to



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listen to it. Griffith will start to send out [Early Offer emails](#) to eligible students from 8 November. If you have submitted your QTAC application by 16 October or changed your preferences to include one (or more) of the [eligible programs](#), you should receive an invitation. If you have not received an invitation, try the following:

1. Ensure you have listed one (or more) of the eligible programs in your QTAC application.
2. Check your email junk folder.
3. Check your email address listed on your QTAC application and update where necessary.

If you have followed these steps and still not received an invitation, then contact them, providing some key information such as name, email, QTAC Application number and include 'Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee' in the comments and they will get back to you to assist. Click [here](#) for key dates and more information.

Queensland University of Technology

Campus tours

Whether you are in Year 11 or 12, QUT's campuses tours will give you an inside look at QUT. Join them in the December school holidays to discover the real QUT through a campus tour. Your tour guides will be current QUT students, showcasing QUT's public facilities and community spaces. One hour Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove tours will be held on 1, 6 and 7 December 2023 from 9am, 10.45am and 5pm. Click [here](#) to register.

Free webinar: Careers with STEM

Join this [free tech career webinar](#) on Wednesday, 1 November 2023 at 11am and explore how you can combine a Bachelor of Information Technology with your 'X', which is your passion, another area or a big goal. Hosted by QUT Graduate and Graduate Front End Developer at Deloitte Digital, Kimberly Valenny who will be joined by Dr Lauren Fell (Space Entrepreneur), Dr Paul Roe (Tech Ecologist) and Dr Selen Turkey (VR + Games Expert). Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Gain work experience while you're studying

Many QUT courses give you the opportunity to experience what it's like to work before you graduate. By taking a Work Integrated Learning subject you can find out what it's like to work in your chosen profession, gain on-the-job experience and make valuable connections with future employers. Click [here](#) to read about the experiences of real QUT Health students.



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Graduate with a Bachelor's degree + Master of Data Analytics

Across many industries being confident and capable to translate data into clear and meaningful insights is a necessary skill. QUT is now offering new vertical double degrees that allow you to graduate with a bachelor's degree plus Master of Data Analytics degree within four years. Year 12 students can list any of the following in their QTAC application this year!

- [Bachelor of Science/Master of Data Analytics](#)
- [Bachelor of Information Technology/Master of Data Analytics](#)
- [Bachelor of Mathematics/Master of Data Analytics](#)
- [Bachelor of Business/Master of Data Analytics](#)
- [Bachelor of Engineering/Master of Data Analytics](#)

New Architecture and Built Environment

From 2024 the QUT Architecture and Built Environment offerings have been updated to 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 if you are interested in the new Bachelor of Architectural Design but do not meet the higher entry requirements.

New Bachelor of Communication degree

QUT is launching their new [Bachelor of Communication](#) in 2024 with four new majors – journalism, digital advertising, media and communication industries and community and public relations. See full details of this new degree on their [website](#).

Real Decisions Webinar

You are invited to register for QUT's Real Decisions Webinar on Friday 15 December where you will get advice about admissions pathways to your preferred course, ordering QTAC preferences and responding to offers and guaranteed entry. There will also be a Q&A with current students about their uni experience and studying at QUT. Find out more and register [here](#).

Student support

Your wellbeing and your ability to succeed in university studies can be heavily impacted by current social issues such as the increased cost of living, accommodation availability and mental health challenges. To support students to thrive at QUT, they offer a range of services including:

- counselling services with immediate, flexible and accessible appointments



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- financial support in the form of scholarships, student loans for study and living costs, emergency bursaries and food vouchers
- disability and accessibility services that develop individual plans unique to the students' study environments and requirements.

Click [here](#) to read more about their student support services.

Year 12 Early Offer Scheme—reminder to change preferences

The [Year 12 Early Offer Scheme](#) can provide you with an offer to study at QUT before receiving your ATAR or IB Diploma. To receive an invitation to apply to the scheme, you need to complete your QTAC application by 20 October, listing a QUT eligible course as one of your top three preferences. After receiving an invitation and uploading your supporting document, if you are approved you will receive email notification on Thursday 9 November. You then have until Tuesday 14 November to make sure an eligible course is listed as your first preference. If you have another course listed as your first preference, you won't receive an early offer. Click [here](#) to check the key dates, courses and requirements.

The University of Queensland

Concurrent diplomas

[A concurrent diploma](#) is a diploma-level qualification ([AQF 5](#)) that you can study alongside your bachelor's program. All diplomas are made up of 16 units and you can spread these units across the duration of your bachelor's program, or you can complete these units in a concentrated period. You can apply to add the [Diploma in Languages](#) as a concurrent diploma. You apply to add a concurrent diploma once you are enrolled in your Bachelor program.

UQ College Prerequisite Intensive Courses

UQ College is offering intensive short courses over 4 weeks for students to obtain a prerequisite in Mathematical Methods, Physics, Biology or Chemistry. Successful completion will satisfy prerequisite requirements at UQ (check with other universities to see if they accept these courses for their prerequisites) and results will be ready for the January 2024 QTAC Offer Round. Entry requirements include:

- Completion of High School Year 11 in Australia, or competencies that demonstrate equivalence at a comparable level.
- Students wanting to study Biology, Chemistry or Physics are required to have undertaken at least one year of science in their senior high school studies. Likewise, students seeking entry into Mathematical Methods are required to have undertaken at least one year of a maths subject in their senior high school studies.

The course runs from 20 November 2023 to 15 December 2023. Applications close on Wednesday 13 November 2023. Click [here](#) for more information or contact the College directly.



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Torrens University Australia

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Torrens Uni is holding a range of events and workshops that will assist you to find out what courses you can study through them and if their courses are right for you. Click here to find out the full range of workshops and events and the following could be of interest:

- [Vogue Australia & Billy Blue present 'Unstitch Convention'](#)
- [Upcoming events for International Students](#)
- [Virtual Open Day](#)



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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
17/10/2023	ADF Cairns: Army Careers Information Session
17/10/2023	ADF Maroochydore: Defence Careers Information Session
17/10/2023	ADF Maroochydore: Defence Careers Information Session
17/10/2023	ADF: Cairns: Army Careers Information Session
20/10/2023	Closing date for QUT's Early Offer Scheme consideration
20/10/2023	QUT final day to apply for Early Offer Scheme
23/10/2023	AFYRS Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production scholarship closes
24/10/2023	ADF Brisbane: Army Reserve Information Session
24/10/2023	ADF Bundaberg: Trade Careers Information Session
24/10/2023	ADF Maroochydore: Army Reserve Information Session
24/10/2023	ADF Toowoomba: Army Reserve Information Session
25/10/2023	ADF Capalaba: Defence Careers Information Session
25/10/2023	ADF Capalaba: Defence Careers Information Session
31/10/2023	ADF Townsville: Army Careers Information Session
31/10/2023	AIS Local Sporting Champions program scholarships
31/10/2023	Griffith Uni's Year 12 Early Offer scheme - last date to apply to QTAC
31/10/2023	QUT START QUT semester 1 2024 applications close
31/10/2023	QUT's START QUT Semester 1 applications close
31/10/2023	The Real Futures Grant applications close
31/10/2023	UQ Sporting Scholarships applications close



01/11/2023	ADF Gold Coast: Defence Careers Information Session
01/11/2023	QUT Careers with STEM free webinar
05/11/2023	UQ's TC Beirne School of Law Leadership, Excellence and Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship applications close
07/11/2023	2024 SAE FlickerUp Schools & Youth competition
07/11/2023	FlickerUp film festival competition closes
12/11/2023	UQ CASPer test (Vet Science) last date for 2023 entry held Monthly July to November
13/11/2023	UQ College bridging course enrolments close
14/11/2023	QUT's Year 12 Early Offer course preference change closes
15/11/2023	Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize entries close
17/11/2023	UQ Enhanced Studies Program for 2024 Year 12 students close
17/11/2023	UQ's 2024 Semester 1 Enhanced Studies Program applications close
22/11/2023	ACU's Scholarships opportunities webinar
30/11/2023	UniSC scholarship applications close
30/11/2023	University of the Sunshine Coast Equity Bursaries applications close

