

**Futures Hub – Newsletter**  
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## Apprenticeship Support Australia

[Apprenticeship Support Australia](#) services are focused on lifting apprenticeship commencement and completion rates by providing support at every stage of the employment cycle. Job seekers, school students and apprentices can all receive ongoing support including career advice, job matching, and ongoing mentoring. Visit their website and click on 'Apprentices' where you will find information about apprenticeship wages, get free career advice, qualifications, apprenticeships that might suite you, school-based apprenticeships, how to get started, where you will study, advice and support and more. You can also schedule a free career consultation with a [career adviser](#).

The website contains specific information for parents regarding:

- [My Child is Considering an Apprenticeship](#)
- [Qualifications](#)
- [Supporting My Child](#)
- [What will my Child Be Paid?](#)

You can also access [Apprenticeship Support Australia information specific to Queensland](#) <http://www.apprenticeshipsupport.com.au/states/Queensland> including news, events and media by scrolling to the bottom of the page.

## 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](#) site to find a GTO near you.

## How a plumber ended up hanging out with penguins in Antarctica

ABC Everyday wrote an article about how plumber, Todd Heery found himself working at Australia's Mawson Station in Antarctica. [Click here to find out how he did it.](#)



# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

## Australian Defence Force (ADF) Work Experience

Thinking of applying for the ADF when you finish school? You need to explore this career and lifestyle option thoroughly. Visit the [Defence Work Experience Program website](#), click *Placements* then work experience opportunities. They fill quickly so talk with your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer before applying.

## Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

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

- 19/04/2021 [Cairns: Trade Careers Information Session](#)  
[North Lakes: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 20/04/2021 [Townsville: Trade Careers Information Session](#)  
[Maroochydore: ADFA Information Session](#)  
[Toowoomba: Defence Careers Information Session](#)  
[Gold Coast: Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- 21/04/2021 [Brisbane: Entry Level ADF Careers Information Session](#)
- 28/04/2021 [Maroochydore: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 29/04/2021 [Toowoomba: Indigenous Pathways Information Session](#)  
[Brisbane: Women in Defence Information Session](#)  
[Coomera: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 04/05/2021 [Brisbane: Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- 05/05/2021 [Edmonton: ADF Indigenous Career Pathways Info Session](#)  
[Townsville: ADF Indigenous Career Pathways Info Session](#)



## CAREERinsite

[CAREERinsite](#) is a Canadian website that has several free career planning tools. A way to use this site and tie it into Australian occupational information is:

- Scroll down and click on 'I'm a high school student' and read the information
- Scroll down and click on 'Know yourself' (right hand side of page) and start to build your profile by completing the quizzes. The quizzes can help you identify the job activities you like. The report at the end of the quiz summarises your current personal and job preferences.
- Research your job options through [Job Outlook](#) and [myfuture](#) to get an Australian perspective

Try out these activities and others on the site including:

- [Plan your career](#)
- [Explore education and training](#) (don't forget to refer to [Job Outlook](#) or [myfuture](#) sites for the Australian qualifications and training options)
- [Look at work](#)
- [Succeed at work](#)

## Careers with STEM online magazines

The [Careers with STEM website](#) has recently released its 2021 Careers with Science and Careers with Data Science magazines. The magazines are packed full of short articles, information about courses, case studies and activities. You can download them or read them online.

## Explore Australia for jobs

On Job Outlook you can [Explore Australia](#) and discover how jobs in demand are changing in your local area. When thinking about career options, also consider your own skills, interests and priorities, and remember that employer needs can change quickly. How to get started:

1. **Choose how to explore** – by state, region or electorate
2. **Select a location** – using the map or list provided (this may take a few seconds to appear)
3. **Learn about the people** – age profile, number employed and unemployment rate
4. **Learn about the jobs** – largest employing and growing, the skills local employers ask for, industries expected to grow

## Free Basair Pilot Career Seminars

Basair Aviation College is hosting interactive information sessions in [Brisbane](#) at different times throughout the year. They will provide details on pilot career paths, salaries, entry level jobs, qualifications and everything students need to know about becoming a Commercial Pilot. While current global conditions can be disheartening for students, by the time those studying now complete their study and hours, the aviation industry will have likely bounced back. [Click here](#) to register.

## Job Jump Start website – Ways to explore careers and prepare for work!

The Australian Government, Department of Jobs and Small Business manage [Job Jump Start](#), which provides tips and ideas about jobs and careers. You can start your search from a range of platforms including:

- I'm at school
- I'm on a Gap Year
- I'm at Uni or in Training
- I've just graduated from Uni or a training course
- I'm looking for a job
- I'm already working

On the site you will also find lots of great videos under the *Resource* tab on the top navigation bar. Check them out!

## Skillsroad - a career exploration website

[Skillsroad](#) has many activities that can help you get started on your career exploration. They include:

- [Career quiz](#) – Discover your true skills set so you can make the right choice when starting your career journey
- [Job fit Test](#) – Test yourself against over 300 specific careers to see how well your skills, interests and qualifications stack up
- [Explore careers](#) – comprehensive information on over 350 jobs
- [Industry videos](#) – listen to the stories of people already on the job
- [No Experience No Worries](#) – No matter where you are at in your career journey you will have at the ready information to help you sort through your options.
- [Explore industries](#) - search careers, top industries, industry videos and a 360 degree virtual workplace

The site also provides information on job seeking skills such as finding a job, preparing for interviews, resume builder and a jobs board. A [Work Readiness](#) course can be accessed for a fee from the site and they also have free resources available.

## The Adventures of you video!

[myfuture](#) has a resource called '[The Adventures of You' executive function guide](#). Three animated videos will help you understand the executive functions or mental skills needed to make career and course

decisions. These include planning, reasoning, prioritising, problem solving, task flexibility, execution and monitoring actions. Check them out!

### **Turning a passion project into paid work**

ABC Everyday wrote about how Esta Musumeci turned her passion into an online recycled clothing store. [Click here](#) to read how she did it.



# Employment

## **Have you heard about Keyboard Operators, Early Childhood (pre-primary school) Teachers or Web Administrators?**

[Keyboard Operators](#) input and process text and data and prepare, edit and generate documents for storage, processing, publication and transmission. You can work as a Keyboard Operator without formal qualifications. Some on the job training may be provided. Some workers have Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications in areas such as secretarial and clerical studies, keyboarding, business and management and information technology.

[Early Childhood \(Pre-Primary School\) Teachers](#) teach the basics of numeracy, literacy, music, art and literature to early childhood (pre-primary) students and promote students' social, emotional, intellectual and physical development. They can also be called Kindergarten teachers. You need a bachelor degree in education majoring in early education to work as an early childhood teacher. If you already have a degree in a relevant teaching field you can complete a postgraduate qualification in early education or a diploma approved by the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority.

[Web Administrators](#) design, build and maintain websites and provide web technology solutions and services. You need extensive experience or a formal qualification in web-based or information technology to work as a Web Administrator. Vocational Education and Training (VET) and university are both common study pathways.

## **What are sectors, industries and career fields?**

The world of work influences how you think about, choose, develop and change your career. You need to understand the world of work before you choose a career path. [Click here](#) and find out about sectors, industries and career fields. It will help you understand them and make your career research that little bit easier.

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## Bursaries for female students

The [National Council of Women of Queensland](#) has launched its [2021 bursary program](#) for female students. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to download the application form. Applications close on 2 June 2021.

## John Eales Rugby Excellence Scholarship at Bond University

As the official Education Partner of the Qantas Wallabies, Bond University has joined forces with the former Wallabies Captain, John Eales AM, to present this prestigious sporting scholarship which provides an opportunity for an outstanding young rugby union star to be mentored both on and off the field. Applications will open on 1 May 2021 and close on 5 September 2021. Visit the [website](#) for more information and how to apply.

## QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic)

QUT Excellence scholarships are the university's scholarships for students with outstanding academic achievement. The scholarships available include:

- scholarships valued at up to \$30,000 each for study in any discipline
- scholarships valued at up to \$30,000 each for study in Science and Engineering faculty courses only.
- scholarships valued at \$10,000 each for study in any discipline.

Other benefits may include:

- an accelerated program of study
- early access to research opportunities
- membership of the QUT College of Excellence
- access to QUT's Leadership, Development and Innovation Program.

[Check out the link](#) to find out more about eligibility, other excellence scholarships and how to apply once applications open for 2022. Application preparation is an important key to a successful application.

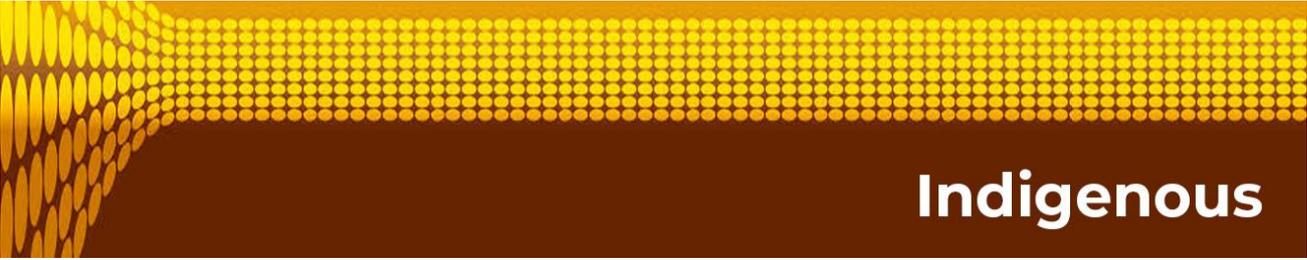
## QUT Excellence Scholarships and QUT Sport Scholarships

[QUT Excellence Scholarships and QUT Sport Scholarships](#) valued between \$5,000 and up to \$30,000, are QUT's premier offering for school leavers with outstanding academic, creative performance and sporting excellence achievements. They are highly competitive and are awarded to the top ranked students who

select QUT as their first QTAC preference. Scholarships for Semester 1, 2022 will open in August 2021 and it's a good idea to start doing your research and collecting any necessary documentation now.

### **The cost of a VET qualification**

A report by the National Skills Commission has found that identical VET courses can vary in price by up to \$10k. The report represents the first national collection of information on VET subsidies, fees and prices and is the first step in the development of efficient pricing for VET. [Click here](#) to read the full report.



# Indigenous

## QUT Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students

Students who are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent may be eligible for entry through QUT's Centralised Assessment Selection Program (CASP) which takes into account commitment to study, work and community experiences. Financial and study support is also available. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

## Scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

- [Bond University scholarships](#), valued up to 50% of tuition fees for any single undergraduate degree (excluding the Medical Program) or 100% tuition for any diploma program, are awarded to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students who have demonstrated extracurricular involvement, leadership potential, academic achievements and connection to their Indigenous heritage. Applications for 2022 scholarships will open on 1 May 2021 and close on 5 September 2021.
- UQ offer a range of potential scholarships for future undergraduate students. You can access their [Scholarship webpage](#) (scroll down) and use the filters to identify those available for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants.
- [Griffith University](#) have a variety of scholarships open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. These range from academic, accommodation and sporting scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- [QUT scholarships](#) can help you achieve your best through financial support, work experience and exciting networking opportunities. Find the scholarship that takes your success to the next level.
- [USQ offer scholarships](#) to support you through your tertiary studies.

## Toowoomba InspireU Youth Leadership Camp

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit's Outreach and Engagement team run a regional youth leadership camp at Lake Perseverance Active Recreation Centre in Crows Nest. The five-day camp provides an opportunity for up to 60 young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students in Year 9 through to Year 12 to explore concepts of identity, leadership, the power of education as well as cultural awareness. [Click here](#) to submit a 2021 Expression of Interest and more information about:

- Who is eligible
- How to apply
- More information

## UQ InspireU Health Science

From clinical laboratory scientists to public health experts, people with the skills to identify, manage and treat health issues are in high demand. The UQ InspireU Health Science camp provides an opportunity for up

to 20 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from schools across Queensland to participate in a number of activities designed to provide an insight into studying health sciences at UQ. The camp dates are 4 - 9 July 2021. Applications are now open and close on 21 May 2021. [Click here to find out about:](#)

- Travel costs
- Who is eligible
- How to apply
- More information



# Interstate & International

## **Preparation workshops for SAT – USA university entry test**

Integrity Tutoring specialises in preparation workshops for students interested in sitting for the tests required for entry to university courses in the United States. Find out more at the [Integrity Tutoring LinkedIn page](#).

## **Study & Play USA opportunities**

Are you competitive in rowing, rugby, golf, tennis, cross country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, water polo, track and field, swimming, baseball, softball and want to study in USA? Study & Play USA can provide information on:

- Academic assessment
- The process
- Personalised advice & planning
- Scholarships
- Frequently asked questions

[Click here](#) to do a free assessment, book a meeting or for more information.

# Job Info

## Harvey Norman Graduate Opportunity

The Harvey Norman Graduate Opportunity will challenge, reward and expose you to a team of high-achieving individuals that pride themselves on mentoring and facilitating the success of postgraduates. Do you know someone who has finished University and is ready to get into the workplace? Who loves to be hands on and not sitting at a desk all day? Applications close 30th April and [click here for more information and to apply](#).

## National Skills Overview updates

The updated [National Skills Overview](#) provides high level analysis of industry skills needs, as well as trends and factors affecting the demand for skills at a national level. The [top five skills in demand](#) across IRC Skills Forecasts include:

- [Adaptability skills](#) – self-management, emotional intelligence, resilience & flexibility
- [Collaboration skills](#) – social perceptiveness, teamwork & communication
- [Analytical skills](#) – critical thinking & problem-solving
- [Digital skills](#) – general & industry specific technologies
- [Industry and occupation skills](#) – industry-specific knowledge & skills

Find our more by visiting the [National Skills Overview](#) and [their Portal](#) , or on Twitter at [#NIIR2021](#) for highlights.



## Employment by industry, occupation and skill level

ABS Labour Force Survey data released on 25 March 2021 show that employment increased in 11 industries and declined in eight over the year to February 2021, representing the change in employment from before the declaration of COVID-19 as a global pandemic. Retail Trade, Professional, Scientific and Technical Services and Transport, Postal and Warehousing made the largest contributions to employment growth. The largest falls in employment were recorded in Accommodation and Food Services, Administrative and Support Services and Education and Training. [Click here to read the report.](#)

## Five reasons why skills shortages occur

It's wise to do some research on your job prospects before you start a long journey of study and training. Doing so could improve your chances of landing a job at the end of it all. One place to start is to have a look at skill shortages in your chosen field. Knowing what skills are in demand may help you to make better career decisions. However, you wouldn't want to choose an occupation based on this knowledge alone. The factors affecting skill shortages now may not be relevant in a few years' time. [Click here](#) to read more about:

- What is a skill shortage?
- What causes skill shortages?
- What are the current skill shortages?

## The Fourth Industrial Revolution

What are Kathy McKee, Connie Corse and Chris Hornberger talking about when they talking about the 'Fourth Industrial Revolution'? The influence of new technologies on our societies is not new. The period between the mid-18th and early 20th centuries saw two revolutions brought about by steam power and later electricity, leading to mechanization and mass production. These revolutions caused massive social upheaval as society was thrust from an agrarian to an urban, industrial economy.

The post-Second World War period witnessed the third industrial revolution with the dawn of the computer era and the age of automation, which has led to the Fourth Industrial Revolution we are experiencing now. This shift is powered by increasingly sophisticated technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, virtual and augmented reality, biotechnology, the Internet of Things, robotics and more. Read more about where the authors think we are now and where they think we need to go. [The article is written from a career practitioners perspective](#) but provides much insight as to the world of work in the future.

# Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



## 2021 Tertiary Studies Expo reminder

The annual Brisbane [Tertiary Studies Expo \(TSXPO\)](#), Australia's largest tertiary studies expo, offers a unique opportunity for anyone interested in starting, changing or upgrading their career. It will be held at the Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane Showgrounds on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July 2021 from 10am to 4pm on both days. Featuring many local, interstate and overseas education providers, students' services and support agencies. Don't miss this great opportunity to map out your future, all in the one location!

## 2021 regional careers markets

Many of the 2021 open days and career expos dates are now being announced. The following is a list of regional events, some with links to the relevant website for more information while some websites are still being updated. If there is not a link to the career expo you are interested in do a Google search periodically/closer to the date and you will find the relevant information.

Date	Event
12 May	<a href="#">Gladstone Careers Expo</a>
13 May	Rockhampton Careers Expo
11 and 13 May	<a href="#">Gold Coast Careers Festival</a>
4 June	Redlands Careers Expo
19 July	Warwick Career Market
20 July	Stanthorpe Career Market
	<a href="#">Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo</a>
21 July	Chinchilla Career Market
22 July	Kingaroy Career Market
27 July	Logan Career Market
2 August	<a href="#">Townsville Careers Expo</a>
3 August	Proserpine Careers Expo
4 August	JCU Career Connect Mackay
26 August	<a href="#">Cairns Careers and Employment Expo</a>

## **QUT Open Days**

There'll be tours of the campus and facilities on Saturday 24 July and online seminars and expert advice on Sunday 25 July. When you sign up for [Open Day email updates](#) you'll go into the draw to win a MacBook Air.

## **Year 13 online career expo**

The Year13 Expo will again be virtual from May 17 - 19 May. The Expo is a free, 100% online careers exhibition. Hear about your dream career from experts in their industry and explore exhibitors across work, study and travel. During the virtual expo you can find:

- Online sessions with people at the top of their career game
- Webinars and videos from some of the top brands in Australia and the world
- Hundreds of exhibitor booths from all your work, study and travel options
- Learn about your future career options and get all your questions answered
- Totally free and 100% online (you don't even have to put on pants to attend)

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

# Private Provider Updates

## **Billy Blue College of Design**

Find out more about [Billy Blue College of Design](#) courses at [Torrens University Australia](#) including:

- Courses
- Campuses
- Why study at Billy Blue
- Staff profiles
- Scholarships
- Fees
- Key dates

## **Thinking about a career in Real Estate?**

The Real Estate Institute of Queensland (REIQ) delivers courses for people considering and/or wanting a career in real estate. Visit the [REIQ website](#) for more information. Contact them to find out more about:

- Registration
- Gaining a full licence
- Courses
- Ask a question

You will also be able to take a quick quiz to see how well a real estate career fits your career dreams.



# QTAC & Tertiary Entry

## Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

You can apply for [EAS](#) when you apply through QTAC. EAS can help if you have experienced circumstances that negatively affected your studies. EAS categories include:

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

If eligible for EAS, you may receive adjustment factors which may improve your chance of receiving an offer.

## Got questions for QTAC?

You can talk to QTAC anytime by asking Google or Alexa your ATAR questions and you will receive a response straight away. All you need to do is ask your questions by saying “Hey Google/Alexa, ask QTAC”, followed by your question about your ATAR and you will receive a response right away. [Find out more here.](#)

## How I learned high school grades don't determine your whole life

This article on the Foundation for Young Australians website looks at the myths around high school results and their impact on your future. Read the article on the [website](#).

## Know where it is - Year 12 post school information management

Year 12 students are strongly advised to start a folder of information they will need later in the year and early next year. Keep this folder in your room at home and add to it during the year. Items that could be placed in this folder include:

- Learning Unique Identifier (LUI) number and password for your Learning Account so you can access your Year 12 results early. You will also be required to know your LUI to complete your QTAC application.
- Tax File Number (TFN), which you will need to apply for a HELP loan next year. You also need a TFN if you want to be paid for a full-time or part-time job.
- The *QTAC Guide*, which you will receive in June.
- Course, job and tertiary entry information you gather at career markets/expos, institution open days, TSXPO, etc.

- The list of courses you are considering (if you haven't a clue, make an appointment to see your Guidance Counsellor/Officer ASAP!!).
- Handouts on tertiary entry you are given at Year 12 assemblies, expos and lunchtime talks.
- Information about available scholarships and tips for submitting a great application.
- Additional qualifications you might wish to submit as part of your QTAC application and/or portfolio particularly if applying for EAS
- Any other information related to your plans for 2022.

### **Qualifying for a new ATAR – New Factsheet released**

Qualifying for a new ATAR, ATAR amendments and Variable Progression Rates. There are a number of situations where a student may qualify for a new ATAR after their first ATAR is released at the completion of their Year 12 studies. [This factsheet provides information](#) to guide students, teachers and parents through the options: Re-entry students doing additional subjects, accumulating results, repeating subjects, ATAR amendments and appeals. The information also covers Variable Progression Rate students.

### **Sign-up to receive QTAC news**

Keep up to date with changes at QTAC to ensure you make well researched decisions based on current information. [Click here](#) if you want to receive QTAC news updates.

## Study Abroad when our borders open

COVID-19 has put many options on hold but it's wise to research and plan for what might be possible. [TAFE Queensland](#) offers a Study Abroad program that offers their students the opportunity to develop their professional networks, participate in workshops, learn new skills and explore new places. Students studying in the following areas are eligible to participate Study Abroad programs:

- Travel and Tourism Management/ Event Management in Vanuatu
- Early Childhood Education and Care Italy
- Building Design/Interior Design and Decoration in Denmark
- Community Development Vanuatu
- Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising in Japan
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Care Hawaii
- Building & Construction volunteering Fiji
- Education Support Samoa
- Nursing China
- Cyber Security Switzerland

For more information and information guide visit the [Study Abroad webpage](#). This program is dependent on Australia's international borders opening.

## Study your way

TAFE Queensland offers traditional [on-campus study](#) as well as hands-on [apprenticeships and traineeships](#), [online study](#), [TAFE at School courses](#), [short courses](#), and the ability to complete qualifications through [recognition of prior learning](#) (RPL). [Learn more here](#).

## TAFE Queensland's courses by location

No matter where you live you can choose from up to 50 locations across Queensland from Thursday Island to Coolangatta, to and as far west as Mount Isa. There are locations in:

- Far North Queensland
- North Queensland
- Wide Bay Burnett
- Sunshine Coast
- Gold Coast
- Greater Brisbane
- Darling Downs and South West

[Click here](#) if you are wanting to study at TAFE Queensland or want to find out about your pathway options.

## **TAFE career assistance opportunity**

TAFE offer personalised consultations with students and parents to discuss future study options provided by TAFE Queensland. These sessions can be conducted online, on-campus, via phone between the hours of 7am and 7pm. Their experienced staff can discuss options regarding in-school programmes (TAFE at School) as well as courses offered by TAFE after school including certificates, diplomas, pathways to uni as well as degrees. They also provide information on course fees, loans, scholarships etc. Students and parents can book these sessions with their staff Peta Wlodarczyk [peta.wlodarczyk@tafe.qld.edu.au](mailto:peta.wlodarczyk@tafe.qld.edu.au); Carly-Beth Paulden [CarlyBeth.Paulden@tafe.qld.edu.au](mailto:CarlyBeth.Paulden@tafe.qld.edu.au); or Bernie Wilson [Bernadette.Wilson@tafe.qld.edu.au](mailto:Bernadette.Wilson@tafe.qld.edu.au)

## **VET Student Loans**

VET Student Loans is an Australian Government loan program that helps eligible VET students pay their tuition fees. If you're studying a diploma, advanced diploma, graduate certificate or graduate diploma, you may be eligible for a VET Student Loan. If you're studying one of TAFE's higher education degree courses, VET Student Loans don't apply. For more information about what you may be eligible for refer to FEE-HELP or HECS-HELP. [Click here to find out more about:](#)

- What is a VET Student Loan?
- Am I eligible for a VET Student Loan?
- How will my course fees be charged?
- How do I enrol and pay?
- How do I apply for a VET Student Loan?
- What are my rights and responsibilities?
- How do I withdraw or apply for a re-credit?
- How do I update my personal details?

## **WHY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET) IS THE RIGHT CHOICE**

When deciding which study option is best for you it can be easy to get overwhelmed. Is TAFE or university better? Should you go to uni, TAFE, or a private provider? Everyone seems to have a different opinion on what the 'right' answer is. It can be hard to sort out fact from fiction. [Click here](#) to read the findings from a [Skilling Australia report](#) that uncovered the benefits of studying at a Vocational Education and Training (VET) provider (like TAFE Queensland) compared to going to university.

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# Universities

## Chartered Accountant Information videos

The CPA Australia offers a number of information videos. The videos cover:

- The benefits of becoming a CPA
- Insights into the CPA Program
- How to apply to become a CPA

You can view the [recorded webinars](#) anytime by registering with the CPA.

## Online resources for Year 12 parents

Transitioning from high school to university can be a challenging journey for students and their parents. Several universities provide resources for parents to support them and their children through the transition. Some examples are:

- Australian Catholic University – [How parents can help](#)
- James Cook University - [Parents and partners](#)
- Griffith University – [Family and Friends](#)
- Queensland University of Technology - [Parents and Guardians](#)
- The University of Queensland – [Parents](#)
- University of the Sunshine Coast - [USC Parent Lounge](#).
- TAFE Queensland – [Parents and Advisors](#)

## QANTAS Future Pilot Program

The Qantas Group Future Pilot Program (QFPP) is open to eligible aviation students at Griffith University. The program provides aviation students with access to experienced pilots during their degree, a talent development program and selected students will be invited to complete an airline pathway program (subject to operational requirements).

Successful graduates will transition to employment with QantasLink where they will complete their training under the supervision of QantasLink's experienced training team and become qualified as First Officers flying the airline's Dash 8 200/300 or Q400 fleet. To be eligible to be considered for the program, students need to hold a GPA of 5.0 or above for the duration of their studies and Australian work rights. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## The Good Universities Guide

This guide provides information on Australian university courses, university ratings, careers and other tertiary study topics. It comes in three formats – a [website](#), an [e-book](#) and a hardcopy book which can be purchased from the [Good Education Bookshop](#). Information about scholarships is available on the website site. The [Education Blogs](#) page contains articles on a range of topics including 4 tips for making the most of O Week, student life and student stories. Posts include:

- [Pathways: Your Guide to Vocational Education and Training \(VET\)](#)
- [Part-time study: the pros and cons](#)
- [How to survive your first year of uni](#)
- [How to add an international spin to your degree](#)

## The best universities for accounting

The Good Universities Guide has ratings that look at specific strengths of Australian universities, giving insight to support and guide your decision-making when choosing a university. You can view the rankings in terms of how each university performs overall, or you can narrow down by field of study and state. There is over 260 undergraduate accounting degrees listed on their course search. [Click here](#) to see which Australian universities with accounting degrees performed best in learning resources, graduate salary and skills development.

## UCAT and Pathways into Medicine Information Session

The National Institute of Education will be holding information webinars leading up to the test dates for 2021 UCAT. The webinars cover:

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-Tests?
- The Undergraduate Selection Criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT
- UCAT vs UMAT - How is UCAT different and why was UMAT replaced?
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate medical school interview process explained and advice
- Gap year
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Q&A

[Click here](#) to register to be sent information on upcoming webinar events.

## Australian Catholic University

## **Bachelor of Biomedical Science**

ACU provides opportunities for students to contribute to the body of knowledge in biomedical sciences by undertaking honours research projects. These projects are often in conjunction with partner institutions such as QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute. This year students are undertaking projects that help to improve human health in conditions such as diabetes, cancer, schizophrenia and Alzheimer's disease. [Click here to read more about the course.](#)

## **Bond University**

### **Bond graduates top employer satisfaction survey**

For the third year running, the Australian Government's 2020 Employer Satisfaction Survey reports that employers are more satisfied with Bond University graduates than those from any other university in Australia. Overall, 92.9 per cent of employers were satisfied with their Bond graduates, compared to the national average of 84.6 per cent. Importantly, employers were 100 per cent happy with Bondies' technical skills, while satisfaction in three other categories – foundation skills, adaptive skills, and collaborative skills -- were all above 90 per cent. [Click here](#) to find out more.

### **Bond tops class for student satisfaction**

Bond University has been acknowledged as the best in Australia for learner engagement, learning resources and skills development in the 2020 Student Experience Survey. In a world of disrupted, multi-modal and remote learning and rates 28.6% above the national average for undergraduate students. Bond also topped the nation for employer satisfaction, learning resources and skills development, and is ranked the #1 major university for overall educational experience. [Read more about Bond here.](#)

## **Central Queensland University**

### **CQUniversity Online Open Days**

Throughout the year, you can connect with CQU anytime to get the answers to your questions about studying with CQUniversity. You can explore upcoming [events](#) at CQUni, [ask a question online](#) or contact them on 13 27 86.

## **Griffith University**

### **Dental Health Science**

From 2022 admissions into the Dental Health Science degree will be determined by the following three essential components:

- Performance in the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT ANZ)
- Performance in the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)
- Academic attainment

The MMI is designed to assess communication skills, specifically verbal and nonverbal skills that cannot be measured by standardised exams or transcripts. The MMI typically consists of six to 10 very short interviews that revolve around a specific scenario.

[Click here for information](#) on UCAT ANZ. There is a short video on how best to go about preparing to sit the UCAT in 2021. Key dates of UCAT in 2021 are:

- 1 March 2021: Booking Opens
- 17 May 2021: Booking Deadline
- 31 May 2021: Late Booking Deadline
- 1 July 2021: Testing begins
- 11 August 2021: Last Testing

QTAC applications close 30 September and MMI's to be held 25 and 26 November.

## Griffith Apply

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](#). You can find information about:

- [The Queensland ATAR in 2021 and beyond](#) and how will the ATAR be used for admission to Griffith
- [VET pathways for school leavers](#)
- [Get a taste of Griffith with GUESTS](#)
- [Prerequisite and assumed knowledge](#)
- [Adjustment factors - location and equity - Year 12 subject adjustments](#)
- [Elite Athletes program](#)
- [Guarantee admissions scheme](#)
- [Programs for high achievers](#)
- [Key dates](#)
- [Scholarships](#)

[Click here](#) for more information.

## Queensland Conservatorium Application and Audition process

[The application process for undergraduate study at the Queensland Conservatorium](#) aims to ensure the health and safety of both applicants and staff. Applications for the Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Musical Theatre and Bachelor of Acting close 31 August 2021. Applicants will be required to submit a video audition and CV by the application closing date. There are three steps in the application process:

1. Apply to QTAC by the close date
2. Pay your Audition fees
3. Register

The Griffith Uni website will be updated in August when QTAC opens with all required details. In the meantime you can register your interest for any updates.

## **Top 10 popular programs for Trimester 1, 2021**

Want to know what's popular and what's not! Griffith Uni has put together their top 10 single degrees for 2020 Year 12's which are: B Business, B Nursing, B Education, B Biomedical Science, B Criminology and Criminal Justice, B Film and Screen Media Production, B Music, B Psychological Science, B Exercise Science, B Science. The top 5 double degrees for 2020 Year 12's were B Psychological Science/B Criminology and Criminal Justice, B Forensic Science/ B Criminology and Criminal Justice, B Laws (Hons)/B Business, B Engineering (Hons)/B Aviation, B Exercise Science/B Psychological Science. Just because they are popular that doesn't mean they are the best options for you but it is another place to do some pathway research.

## **VET pathways for high school students**

Griffith recognises the skills and knowledge gained through Vocational Education and Training (VET) as a highly effective pathway to university. While Griffith encourages you to achieve an ATAR, they still recognise stand-alone VET qualifications completed at high school. If you complete a Certificate III, IV or Diploma and meet the English prerequisite you may be eligible for a place in a range of Griffith degrees. [Click here](#) to find out more and to view the list of eligible degrees.

## **James Cook University**

### **Applying for Dental Surgery, Health Science (Physician Assistant), Medicine, B of Surgery, Physiotherapy or Veterinary Science courses at James Cook University?**

The following courses offered by JCU require a QTAC application as well as submitting a separate written application to JCU:

- B Dental Surgery
- B Medicine, B Surgery (MBBS)
- B Veterinary Science

These JCU courses have a rural, remote, tropical and Indigenous community focus. Consequently, an important requirement of the JCU direct application is to demonstrate interest, experience, understanding and/or exposure to rural and/or remote locations and conditions. Applicants living in metropolitan areas will find this challenging. You will need to think creatively about how you can obtain the experience/knowledge this year.

Some ideas are:

- work-experience during the holidays with a rural practitioner
- interview practitioners who have worked in rural/remote areas
- research the challenges for practitioners in rural/remote areas
- learn about Northern Australia
- find out as much as you can about the content of the JCU courses from brochures, the JCU website, career expos, [TSXPO](#) and other career/course events
- organise a guided tour or do a virtual tour of the relevant JCU campus (see the [website](#))

- if possible, attend a [JCU open day](#) at either Townsville or Cairns.

Although JCU won't be updating their website until June/July for 2022 entry, you can view last year's (2020 applications for entry in 2021) JCU direct application [here](#). You must apply through QTAC as well as submitting the JCU direct application form which is due 30 September 2022. The more preparation you do the better your application will be. You can access the prerequisites for the courses from the [JCU website](#).

## Queensland University of Technology

### A quick guide to QUT: Information session for Year 9 and 10 students

Join QUT student ambassadors and staff for a dedicated Year 9 and 10 session which will provide some tools to help you with course and careers decisions. [Register now](#) for session that will cover:

- career planning tips
- differences between school and uni
- QUT course information and admission pathways
- Q&A with current students.

### Cut-off date for creative industries audition/portfolio entry courses application

In addition to applying to QTAC, students must register online to QUT by 5pm on Monday 27 September for courses with audition or portfolio entry requirements. For more information please refer to the information on the [QUT website](#).

### Upcoming STEM events

For students interested in STEM, creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship check QUT's upcoming events through the Young Accelerators program. Future events include:

- [Girls Programming Network](#)—Saturday 17 April
- [STEM Subject Selection](#)—Wednesday 12 May
- [Power of Engineering](#)—Wednesday 23 June.

For more information, view the full list of events via the Young Accelerator's [event calendar](#).

### Virtual campus experience

Explore our campuses, learning spaces, laboratories and facilities from the comfort of home. [Take the tour](#).

## Southern Cross University

## Take the stress out of Year 12 with a STAR Early Offer

The STAR program allows you to secure your place in a Southern Cross University degree before your ATAR results are released. It's designed to remove some of the pressure from Year 12 and give you a pathway directly into university study that is not based solely on your ATAR. Applications open 28 April and close 10 September 2021. [Click here](#) to find out more and answers to the following questions:

- Why should I apply to STAR?
- Who is eligible?
- How does it work?
- How to apply

## The University of Queensland

### Girls in Computing

On 29 April 2021, UQ is holding a Girls in Computing event. You can find out about the exciting and diverse career options available in technology, software engineering and computer science. Open to all female high school students as well as parents, caregivers and teachers, this evening offers a unique chance to engage in interactive activities, visit information booths and hear personal stories from current UQ students, industry experts and UQ alumni. [Click here to find out more and to register.](#)

### Medicine @ UQ - UQ Rural Clinical School

Join the UQ Rural Clinical School for a virtual Q&A session on 28 April from 6 - 7.30pm. You'll hear from the local teams who deliver part of the UQ medical program in the heart of Rockhampton, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and Toowoomba, from current students about their rural experience studying medicine and be given the opportunity to ask questions via the live chat function. Whether you're considering the UCAT or GAMSAT entry pathway into Medicine at UQ you will find this session valuable. You must register and registration closes on 21 April 2021.

### St Lucia campus tours

Knowing about the campus of a university is an important factor in deciding which uni to attend. There are different ways to do a campus tour:

- [St Lucia school group tour](#) - Arrange a school group tour so your students can check out our campus and experience a taste of university life
- [Self-guided tours](#) - Explore our campuses at a pace that suits you.

### Study Fresh: Create you own indoor air quality monitor!

Get hands-on and become engineers for the day to create an indoor air quality detection device to test the air quality of your classroom by programming Raspberry Pi's. You will discover the importance of Indoor Air

Quality and how to program a Raspberry Pi using Python. [Click here to find out more](#) about the 1.5 - 2 hour workshop program, cost and talk to your Science teacher or Guidance Officer or School Counsellor.

## **Ventures Discovery**

The UQ Ventures Discovery program supports Year 7 to Year 12 students to think and act with an entrepreneurial mindset. The program delivers workshops that have been designed with an experiential learning approach. Discovery programs aim to foster a resilient, flexible and problem-solving mindset in high school students and you can find [more information here](#).

## **Women in Engineering Explore Engineering Day**

The [UQ Women in Engineering](#) (WE) Explore Engineering Day is now open for registrations! Year 10 to 12 female high school students can experience life as an engineering student on Thursday 6 May at UQ's St Lucia campus and participate in hands on workshops, facility tours and gain insider tips from the current student cohort. [Click here for more information](#) with registrations closing on 30 April.

## **Torrens University Australia**

### **2021 Schools Course Guide**

The 2021 Course Guide for Torrens University is now available. You will gain valuable insight on the latest undergraduate courses on offer, along with info about each campus, online and blended learning programs, entry requirements, application process, and more. [Download your digital copy](#).

### **Commitment to Wellbeing and Diversity**

Torrens University Australia, is committed to the health and safety of everyone who works, studies, and visits their campuses and interacts with them online. They offer a range of initiatives designed to make students experiences at Torrens University Australia more accessible and fulfilling including free counselling sessions, disability support programs, Indigenous support programs and more. Visit their website to [learn more](#).

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
21/04/2021	Medicine @ UQ - UQ Rural Clinical School information webinar registrations close
21/04/2021	Medicine Information Night
22/04/2021	ACU's Talk with Lawyers webinar
22/04/2021	CQU Bundaberg University Experience event
24/04/2021	ANU Completing the direct application form webinar
28/04/2021	A quick guide to QUT: Webinar information session for Year 9 and 10 students
28/04/2021	ANU Completing the direct application form webinar
30/04/2021	USC's Headstart program Semester 2 applications close
30/04/2021	Women in Engineering Explore Engineering Day applications close
05/05/2021	ANU Application Q&A webinar
11/05/2021 to 13/05/2021	Gold Coast Career Festival
12/05/2021	ANU applications - the cocurricular or service requirements
12/05/2021	Gladstone Careers Expo
12/05/2021	QUT's ATEM Subject Selection event
13/05/2021	Rockhampton Careers Expo
13/05/2021 to 14/05/2021	UQ's Science and Engineering Challenge
17/05/2021	The University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT ANZ) applications to sit test close
17/05/2021 to 19/05/2021	Year 13 online career expo
19/05/2021	ANU application Q&A
21/05/2021	UQ InspireU Health Science camp applications close
24/05/2021	ANU 2022 direct entry applications close
24/05/2021	ANU direct applications for 2022 close
24/05/2021	Darling Downs Science and Engineering Challenge commences
24/05/2021	GriffithBUSINESS Responsible Leaders of the Future Conference
26/05/2021	GriffithBUSINESS Responsible Leaders of the Future Conference
31/05/2021	START QUT Semester 2 applications close