

Futures Hub – Newsletter
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Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Aptitude quizzes for Apprentices and Trainees

[Australian Apprenticeships Pathways](#) website has literacy and numeracy quizzes for a range of careers. These general industry based quizzes indicate the levels required when undertaking Australian Apprenticeships qualifications. The quizzes give you an idea about the aptitudes needed for the jobs in the industries listed. [Click here](#) to find sample quizzes for the following industry areas:

- Automotive and Boating
- Building and Construction
- Business, Clerical and Financial Services
- Electrical, Electronics and Utilities
- Food and Wine Processing
- Gardening, Farming, Animals and Environment
- Health, Care and Community Services
- Hospitality, Travel and Tourism
- Information Technology and Telecommunications
- Manufacturing and Production
- Metal and Engineering
- Property Maintenance and Management
- Resource Mining and Processing
- Retail, Sales Marketing and Customer Service
- Sport, Recreation, Hair, Beauty and Services
- Transport, Logistics and Warehousing
- General and non-industry based

Within each industry area there is a quiz relevant to each of the apprenticeships or traineeships.

Free app for apprenticeships and traineeships

[AusAppPathways](#) is a free app that helps students and jobseekers explore Australian Apprenticeship career pathway ideas on their smartphone or tablet. Users can:

- Filter by State and Territory
- Get tips on how to find a job
- Explore information and resources to help find career ideas of interest
- Begin career discussions with family, friends and career advisors

Job Pathways Charts for VET pathways

The [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways](#) webpage contains [Job Pathways Charts](#) which show the potential training pathways within specific industries. [Click here](#) to read about 48 industry area training pathways' options.

Research Industries

There are around 50 industries you can do an apprenticeship or traineeship in. The Australian Apprenticeships Pathways *Research Industries* pages will help you learn more about the industries you are interested in, including:

- the size of the industry
- whether apprenticeships and traineeships are common
- some tips on how to get a job in that area.

[Start your research here.](#)

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

Stay informed about upcoming [Queensland and National ADF events and information sessions](#) by visiting the Defence Jobs website. View the specific events information link for more details including location, times and to book your tickets. Further information about these events and Army Reserve Information Sessions can be accessed on the ADF [Facebook](#) site. Coming events include:

- 24/02/2021 [Rockhampton: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
 - [Roma: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
 - [Mt Isa: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
 - [Brisbane: Navy Leadership Evening](#)
- 25/02/2021 [Brisbane: Gap Year Information Session](#)
 - [Charleville: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
 - [Maroochydore: ADFA Future Leaders Networking Evening](#)
- 26/02/2021 [Dalby: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 02/03/2021 [Brisbane: Engineering Careers Information Session](#)
 - [Maroochydore: Gap Year Information Session](#)
 - [Queensland: Engineering Careers Virtual Information Session](#)
- 03/03/2021 [Gold Coast: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
 - [Townsville: Ask Me Anything Information Session](#)
- 06/03/2021 [Brisbane: ADF Careers Day - 9:00am Session](#)
 - [Brisbane: ADF Careers Day - 11:30am Session](#)
 - [Brisbane: ADF Careers Day - 2:00pm Session](#)
- 08/03/2021 [Loganholme: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 09/03/2021 [Cairns: Gap Year Information Session](#)

	Loganlea: A Night in the Army Reserve
10/03/2021	Gold Coast: ADFA Information Session
	Toowoomba: Recruiting Now Information Session
	Townsville: Gap Year Information Session
11/03/2021	Maroochydore: Communications, IT & Intelligence Information Session

Interested in a career in the Air Force? Think about joining the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC)

The [Australian Air Force Cadets \(AAFC\)](#) is a youth oriented organisation that is administered and actively supported by the Royal Australian Air Force. You can join the AAFC if you are between the ages of 13 and 18 years and are physically fit enough to participate in the activities. You will gain important life skills in leadership, self-reliance, self-confidence, self-discipline, self-respect, good communication, teamwork and citizenship. Some activities undertaken by the AAFC include flying, fieldcraft, adventure training, firearms safety training, drill and ceremonial, service knowledge, aeromodelling, navigation and gliding. You will also have an opportunity to experience life in the Air Force. For more information, visit the [AAFC website](#) where you can access information regarding:

- [Who We Are](#)
- [Cadet Pilot Training](#)
- [How to Join](#)
- [Find a squadron](#)
- [Our Supporters](#)
- [News](#)

Thinking of applying to the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)

If you are in Year 11 and considering applying for a place at [ADFA](#), you are encouraged to commence your application when you turn 16 years of age. To start your application, call 13 19 01 or apply online on the [Defence Jobs website](#) (click 'Apply now' on the very top right-hand corner of the home page). It is not too late for Year 12 students to apply but you need to start your application as soon as possible.



10 tips to help you build a successful creative career

You know it's what you want to do. All the doubters are ready to shoot your ideas down. But you're creative to the core and ready to do everything that it takes to build a career and work on the thing you love most. Lots of people give up on their dreams. So how do you develop a career that draws on creativity, talent, skill and passion? Pamela Ledley has a few tips to get you started. [Click here to read about:](#)

- Where are you heading?
- Inspiration
- Information
- What's in demand?
- You've gotta eat!
- Internships and volunteering
- Get some business skills – you'll need them!
- Hear from people who are working as creatives
- Unconventional and unafraid
- Be the one
- Last words – be real

Introduction to myfuture webinar

Join the myfuture team and learn how the myfuture website can be used in your career and transition planning and how to locate the resources most relevant to you on the new-look website. [Find out more and register here.](#)

Remember: What you do is not who you are

Tim Herrera, wrote in the *Lindsay at CareerWise Weekly* that one of the best piece of career advice he's ever received was to think of jobs as verbs, rather than nouns. So, for example: I do journalism, rather than I'm a journalist. Or: I do youth education, rather than I'm a teacher. Yes, it feels like a silly, arbitrary little word swap, and you'd never actually *say* that at a party. (Imagine how weird you'd come off telling someone, "I cut people open," rather than, "I'm a surgeon.") But it is a mental shift that can help to disentangle who you are as a person from how you spend your days to make money for rent and groceries. Read the rest of Tim's [article here.](#)

Starting to sort out your thoughts in Year 10

Year 10 is when the pressure comes to start thinking of yourself as an individual. It's when you should be starting to sort through your thoughts and dreams for your future. Are you thinking, *"I have no idea what I want to do! I haven't yet found anything I am particularly good at"*. If this sounds familiar, or even if you think you know exactly what you want to do, have a read of [Susanne Gannon's article from The Conversation](#). She explains that you don't need to know 'right now' what you want to do but you should be finding out about what jobs are out there. She talks about:

- It's important to be flexible
- Learning your interests takes time
- There are many pathways open to you
- Work experience is a good way to develop skills

State and Australian Government work experience opportunities

You can find information about Queensland and Australian Government work experience opportunities online through websites like:

- [The Australian Government Services Australia](#)
- [Australia.gov.au](#) - for cadetships, scholarships and work experience opportunities
- [Myfuture](#) - offers work experience links
- [Queensland Government](#) – information regarding work experience, finding opportunities, benefits

Do your own online search and see what work experience opportunities may be offered in your local area. Graduates can also look for opportunities to work within the Queensland Government through the [Queensland Government Graduate Portal](#).

Thinking about a STEM careers but not sure what's out there?

The [Careers with STEM](#) hub includes a quarterly magazine, posters, videos, events, webinars, teacher PD, quizzes and website to help you discover the careers of the future. Each year they publish four magazines across each of the STEM disciplines plus special editions like Data Science and Cybersecurity. Visit their [website](#) for more information on:

- What's trending in STEM
- Latest Quizzes
- Women in STEM
- STEM education
- Fun stuff
- Latest videos

Why work experience?

The best way to explore a job you are interested in is to try it. This sounds obvious, doesn't it? However, it is often the last thing people think of when exploring jobs and making career decisions. The following are ways you can try a job.

- Work observation/shadowing - spend one or two days with someone already in the job
- Work experience – spend up to a week working in the job
- Volunteering – volunteer your services to an organisation that has jobs you are interested in
- Part-time paid work – explore the possibility of part-time or casual work in your preferred career area
- Join an activity group where you can try out some of the skills you will need in the job you like e.g. join the Air Force Cadets or the St John Ambulance Cadets
- Participating in various programs associated with specific career areas e.g. Engineering Link projects

The benefits of trying a job are:

- Learning about what the job involves
- Having a structured, supervised, hands-on experience
- Experiencing a work environment – the world of work isn't like school!
- Gaining a new referee to add to your resume
- Developing contacts that may help you gain employment in the future.

Your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor or VET Coordinator can help you organise work experience. Read '[Tips for finding work experience](#)' on the [myfuture website](#) for other ways of finding work experience.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Any student is in the running for a scholarship if they know where to look!

Year 12 is a student's best opportunity for scholarships. There will never be another time in your life where there are more opportunities and less competition. Janet MacDonald (mycampusGPS) offers advice to help students take advantage of this golden opportunity to get free money for post-secondary study. Start now by [reading about her ideas](#) on how best to find a scholarship. DON'T leave it till the second half of Year 12 either!

Hansen Scholarship

The Hansen Scholarship is a flagship scholarship program at The University of Melbourne. The Hansen Scholarship will be awarded to talented undergraduate students whose financial circumstances present a challenge to accessing a first-class education. Recipients will be awarded accommodation, an allowance and financial and personal support. Applications are now open and close on 11 March 2021. [Click here](#) to find more information and how to apply.

QUT Tertiary Access Payment for 2020 school leavers

The Tertiary Access Payment is a scholarship provided by the Federal Government to assist students who completed Year 12 in 2020, with the cost of relocating from an outer regional or remote area for tertiary study. Approved applicants will receive a total of \$5,000 paid in two instalments. Find out more information on the QUT [Tertiary Access Payment website](#).

Holiday Programs & Short Courses

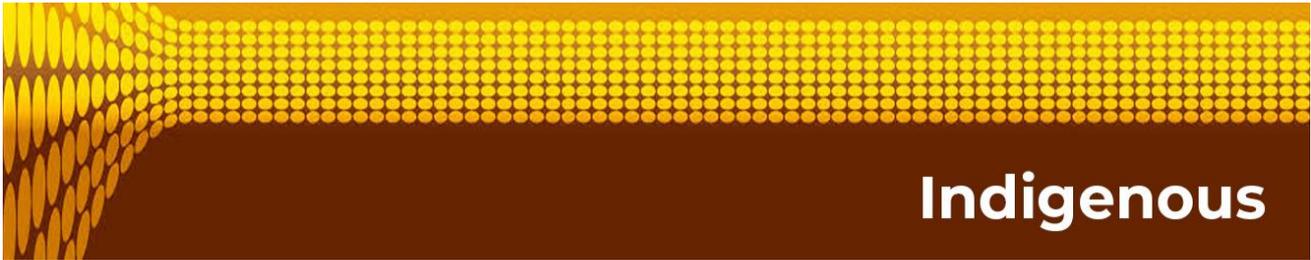
NIDA Holiday classes

NIDA offers introductory through to advanced courses for children and young people during the school holidays in a variety of disciplines including creative play, drama, acting on screen, music theatre, singing & acting, public speaking and more. [Click here](#) to find out what courses are on offer and to enrol in next school holidays' program including:

- Acting Boot Camp, Years 7 - 10: St Laurence's College Brisbane, 17 & 18 April 2021
- NIDA Drama School, Years 7 - 10: St Laurence's College Brisbane, 6 - 9 April 2021
- Hitting Your Mark: Screen Acting, Grades 11 - 12: St Laurence's College Brisbane, 6 - 9 April 2021
- Auditions and Screen Tests, Grades 7 - 10: St Laurence's College Brisbane, 10 & 11 April 2021
- Acting Boot Camp, Grades 11 & 12: St Laurence's College Brisbane, 10 & 11 April 2021
- Stage and Screen School, Grades 7 - 10: St Laurence's College Brisbane, 12 - 16 April 2021
- Direction 101, Grades 11 & 12: St Laurence's College Brisbane, 17 & 18 April 2021
- NIDA Actors Project, Grades 11 & 12: St Laurence's College Brisbane, 12 - 16 April 2021

School holiday opportunities

You can develop your work skills in many different ways. If you are stuck for something to do during the next school holidays, check out school holiday activities that may give you the opportunity to meet new people, develop your confidence, skills and interests. Always remember that you need to thoroughly check out the activity provider to ensure it will be a safe, enjoyable and engaging experience. [Click here](#) for some school holiday options.



CSIRO – Opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

The CSIRO is committed to encouraging more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to work with them in both the science and support areas. Visit their [website](#) to access information regarding:

- [Indigenous careers and Scholarships](#)
- [Indigenous traineeships](#)

Consider have introduced a new 'virtual' work experience program. This program is available for regional and remote students and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to apply. For more information visit the [CSIRO work experience program website](#). 2021 work experience information will be available in April.

Indigenous career stories in Law

[Read about some indigenous career stories in Law](#) and see if they inspire you to follow your dream or investigate law as a potential career path. There is a "need for Indigenous people in the law" according to the Court of Appeal Justice Geoffrey Eames. Hear the stories of:

- Nadine is a Lawyer working for the [Australian Public Service Commission \(APS\)](#)
- Kat Dorante was named the Queensland Law Society's First Nations Legal Student of the Year for 2020
- Chloe D'Souza, a Noongar woman, was the first Aboriginal graduate of the Curtin Law School in 2015.
- Joshua Creamer Barrister
- [Lincoln Crowley](#) is a Brisbane based Commonwealth Prosecutions Barrister

You can also find resources and information about pathways for Indigenous students.

InspireU Programs

The University of Queensland's [InspireU programs](#) are for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The camps are themed around the professional disciplines of engineering, science, law, business and health sciences. Participants attend on-campus residential camps, take part in interactive workshops and lectures, workplace/industry visits and receive guidance from UQ and industry experts about study and career opportunities. Dates for 2021 are not yet published so keep visiting the InspireU website for updates.

QUT Campus tours for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

The [Oodgeroo Unit](#) is QUT's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student support centred committed to developing better access to university education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Book a [campus tour](#) or [presentation](#) with our [Oodgeroo Unit](#).



Australian Jobs 2020

The Australian Jobs 2020 publication provides an overview of trends in the Australian labour market to support job seekers and employment service providers, career advisers, those considering future training and work and people interested in labour market issues. It is designed to step you through all aspects of the labour market. The COVID-19 pandemic has had significant impact on the labour market and there is now more competition for jobs. It is more important than ever to understand what employers are looking for and understanding the labour market that you are moving into. The first three sections are an overview of Australia's diverse labour market, providing analysis and outlining opportunities across industries, occupations and locations. [Click here](#) to access Australian Jobs 2020.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Griffith Uni's 2021 Open Day

Griffith University is now encouraging you to register your interest for their Open Day 2021. [Register](#) and receive updates on what's happening at the 2021 Open Day event.

New York Film Academy Australia virtual open house day

On 6 March 2021 commencing at 12 noon, you can join the New York Film Academy Australia's Online Open Day. These sessions are live and you can submit questions to the hosts to be answered live during the session. The Online Open Day will include information on the following and [click here to register](#):

- Programs and areas of study we offer
- Equipment you will work with during your time here
- Learn about our faculty and alumni
- Village Roadshow Studios and Warner Bros. Movie World partnerships
- Application and enrolment process
- Explore your pathways to degrees
- Financial options

University Open Days in Queensland in 2021

It is highly recommended to attend an open day event at the university (or universities) you wish to apply to for studies next year. The open day gives you an opportunity to talk to lecturers and current students about the courses you are interested in. You can also check out the campus, the support services offered and social and cultural activities available. Open days usually occur between July and early September each year. This bulletin will inform you of open days as dates become available.

Private Provider Updates

Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) Intro to Screenwriting online course

AFTRS' popular [Intro to Screenwriting](#) online course starts 16 March. Learn from [Jonathan Ogilvie](#), director, writer and co-producer of feature film *Lone Wolf* (starring Hugo Weaving and Tilda Cobham-Hervey) which recently premiered at the International Film Festival Rotterdam and get your own scriptwriting career on the way. [Enrol here](#).

NIDA short courses in acting and directing coming to Brisbane

The [National Institute of Dramatic Art \(NIDA\)](#) is bringing a range of short, online courses during March and April which cover a wide range of topics including acting, directing, producing and auditions. There are courses for adults, primary, junior and senior students. 2021 weekend [classes start in May 2021](#) and will be held at TAFE Queensland, South Bank. The courses for Year 11 and 12 students are:

- [Acting on Screen](#)– Each term focuses on a specific area of performance practice to ensure students have a varied experience and learn a range of essential creative skills.
- [Acting](#) –Practice skill-based learning led by industry experts across a range of performing arts disciplines.

There are also a number of weekend courses for Years 3 - 10 that may also be of interest. Visit the [NIDA website](#) for details.

Queensland School of Beauty Therapy (QSBT)

The [Queensland School of Beauty Therapy \(QSBT\)](#) will offer a range of Certificate, Diploma and Short Courses in Beauty Therapy. [Internal Courses](#) include:

- Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics
- Certificate III in Nail Technology
- Certificate III in Make Up
- Certificate III in Beauty Services
- Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy
- Diploma of Beauty Therapy

A number of their [short courses](#) are offered throughout the year. These courses include:

- Makeup
- Eyelash Extension and Brow
- Waxing
- Nails
- Massage
- Facial Treatments
- Spa Therapies and Body Treatments
- Spray Tanning
- Electrolysis

[VET in Schools Courses](#)

- Certificate II in Retail Make-Up and Skin Care
- Certificate II in Nail Technology
- Certificate III in Beauty Services
- Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy
- Diploma of Beauty Therapy

For more information visit the [QSBT website](#).

Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT): Workshops

[QSFT](#), located in Annerley, offers accredited Diploma and Certificate courses in screen and media. They also offer workshops on weekends and during the school holidays. Early bird discounts are often available. Keep an eye on their website for the latest information. You can access the application form [here](#). The following [workshops are available in 2021](#):

- Film It! - Introduction to Video Production
- Record It! - Introduction to Sound Production
- Edit It! - Introduction to Editing Workshop
- Acting Bootcamp! - 2 Days School Holiday Acting Workshop
- Write It! - Introduction to Script Writing Workshop
- Direct It! - Introduction to Directing Workshop
- Shoot It! - Introduction to Photography
- Filmmaker Bootcamp! - 2 Day School Holiday Filmmakers Bootcamp
- Junior Filmmaker Bootcamp - School Holiday Junior Filmmakers Bootcamp (for Yr 7-8 High School Students)
- Videography for Business - Product & Services Videos for Website & Social Media (for business & organisation participants)

The Brisbane Art Theatre

The Brisbane Art Theatre holds Teen Creative Workshop designed for teens to have a space to further develop their stagecraft and technique and is suitable for both beginner and intermediate performers. Each week, students work within their skill level in a dynamic and creative team environment, where they explore the fundamentals of acting for the stage. [Find our more and enrol here](#).

The Hotel School Hayman Island Campus

Opening at the award-winning 5-star InterContinental Hayman Island Resort students will study the Associate Degree of International Hotel and Tourism Management incorporating

- Offering two qualifications (Swiss and Australian)
- Students study, work and live in the staff village on the island, developing career networks
- Paid internship opportunities with resort management mentorship

Year 12 students may apply and there is an interview process. [Find out more here.](#)



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

Assistance schemes

[There are a number of schemes](#) that can assist you gain adjustment factors that will see you more competitive in gaining a place in your desired course. These schemes include:

- [Financial assistance scheme](#)
- Special admissions schemes including:
 - Year 12 subject schemes - Check with each institution for their specific scheme
 - Access and Equity schemes - Contact individual institutions for more information
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Schemes - Contact individual institutions for more information
 - Regional preference schemes - Contact individual institutions for more information
 - Elite Athlete and Performer Scheme -
 - [ACU](#)
 - [JCU](#)
 - [UNE](#)
 - [USC](#)
 - [SCU](#)
 - [USQ](#)
 - [UQ](#)
 - [Bond](#)
 - [TAFE](#)
 - [GU](#)
- [QUT Elite Athlete Special Entry Scheme](#) - Apply through QTAC

Certificates, Diplomas and Bachelor Degrees – How are they different?

In Australia, we have a national system of qualifications called the [Australian Qualifications Framework](#) (AQF). At the end of Year 12, you can apply for the following AQF qualifications which can differ in length, content, delivery and competitiveness as shown below:

- **Bachelor Degree:** Usually 3-5 years full-time (or part-time equivalent); theoretical; competitive
- **Associate degree/Advanced diploma:** Usually 2 years full-time (or part-time equivalent); combination of theory and practice; range from not competitive to very competitive.
- **Diploma:** Can be 1-2 years full-time (or part-time equivalent); tend to be practical with some theory; range from not competitive to very competitive depending on the topic.
- **Certificates I, II, III, IV:** 1 month - 1 year full-time; usually very practical; usually not competitive.

You can use one level to help you gain entry to a higher level of study in the future depending on your results and the rules of the institution you want to gain entry to. Visit the [AQF website](#) for more information. To decide on the best level of qualification for you, consider:

- The study/training requirements of the job you want
- Your past study results
- Whether you are a hands-on (practical) or a theory person
- Your commitment to study
- The cost of the course
- The length of time you are prepared to study

Assessment basics

One of the main changes to the QCE system in recent years is to the way students are [assessed in QCAA subjects](#). For most students, the bulk of their assessment in General and Applied subjects will be [internal assessment](#). Students undertaking General subjects will also sit [external assessment](#) (usually in Year 12). [Click here for a typical rundown of assessment](#) across Year 11 and 12 so you know what to expect. Some schools implement QCAA syllabuses in a different pattern, so your senior assessment schedule may be a little different. It's a good idea to check with your school. More information about assessment is available in each subject syllabus on the [QCAA website](#).

Senior External Examination registrations open for 2021

Year 12 students are eligible to sit [Senior External Examinations](#) if they can't study the General subjects offered in Queensland because the subject is not taught at their school or there is a timetable clash. The external examination subjects available are Accounting, Ancient History, Arabic, Biology, Chemistry, Chinese, English, Indonesian, Korean, Latin, Legal Studies, General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods, Modern Greek, Modern History, Philosophy and Reason, Physics, Polish, Punjabi, Russian and Vietnamese. The examinations are held in October and November.

You will need the permission of your school to sit for these exams. Your school will register you for the exams with Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA). Registrations to sit external exams close on 30 April 2021. Read the information on the [QCAA website](#) and see your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer for more information.

myQCE gateway for students and parents

[myQCE](#) will help you plan your pathway to achieving a QCE by the end of Year 12 and help you to explore further study, training and career options. Year 12 students must register through Student Portal Learning Account in order to access their Year 12 results. It provides information on:

- About the QCE - Learn about Queensland's senior schooling qualification
- QCE planner– An online guide to help you plan your QCE pathway
- Accessing certificates and statements – Find out where you can download your Senior Statement and QCE
- Student portal login help - Get help to access the Student Portal
- QCE student stories - Find inspiration from previous students

- myQCE update - Read the latest issue of myQCE update
- Career goals - Links to help you explore future study and career options
- 2020 results FAQs - Information about accessing and understanding your results
- Coronavirus updates - FAQs for students and parents
- Assessment basics - Information to help you understand assessment

Know someone who has left school and needs a bit of help organising their pathway

You may wish to investigate if you are eligible for the [Queensland Government, Certificate 3 Guarantee](#) program. The Certificate 3 Guarantee supports eligible individuals to complete their first post-school Certificate III level qualification and increase their skills to move into employment, re-enter the workforce or advance their career. The program also supports school students to access training and Queensland's Year 12 graduates to transition to employment by providing fee-free training in high priority qualifications. For an overview of what the Certificate 3 Guarantee means for students, view the [Certificate 3 Guarantee student fact sheet](#).

TAFE Queensland School Students Website

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

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

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



Universities

Australian Catholic University

Admission pathways

The path from Year 12 to university is not the only way into ACU. Up to half of the students do not come straight from school. No matter your background, schooling or experience, ACU's admission pathways can help you to meet the entry requirements of your chosen course. Learn about the entry options available to help you follow your dreams [here](#). Learn more here about:

- [Choose your pathway or entry program](#)
- [I did not get the ATAR/Rank](#)
- [I'm in Year 12 and want an early offer](#)
- [I'm an elite athlete or performer](#)
- [I'm an international applicant](#)
- [I have completed military service](#)

Campus tours

Get a feel for campus life before you even start. Join one of ACU's monthly tours to see what's on offer. Tours typically last between 30 minutes to one hour. [Book a tour here](#). Or you can also explore the ACU campuses on your computer or device with their 360-degree virtual tour of the [Brisbane campus](#). Walk through the campuses, check out the facilities and get a feel for campus life.

University Experience Day

This [event](#) provides future students with an opportunity to sample a degree they are interested in and to check out the ACU staff and campus. 2021 registrations open soon so keep checking their [website](#) and register to receive updates on coming events.

Where is ACU

In Queensland, [ACU is located at Banyo](#), 12 km North of the Brisbane CBD. It currently has over 5,200 students. It offers degree programs in Allied Health, Arts, Business, Creative Arts, Global studies and international development, Humanities and social science, Information technology, Law, Nursing, midwifery

and paramedicine, Nutrition and biomedical science, Philosophy, Professional education, Public health and administration, Sport and exercise science, Teaching, Theology and youth work and community development . ACU provides various opportunities for Year 12 students to learn about the campus and the courses that are offered including University Experience day, Personal Tours, Expos and Career Markets, Year 12 Entry programs. Check these out on the ACU website.

Central Queensland University

University experience events

Uni Experience is an on-campus experiential event where current Year 12 high school students can visit a CQUniversity campus and participate in discipline-based activities and gain insight into university life. Students participate in course sessions with lecturers, hear from current students, learn about alternative pathways to university, study support and more. See 2021 Uni Experience dates below:

- 5 March 2021 [Rockhampton University Experience](#)
- 12 March 2021 [Mackay University Experience](#)
- 19 March 2021 [Cairns University Experience](#)
- 26 March 2021 [Townsville University Experience](#)
[Gladstone University Experience](#)
- 22 April 2021 [Bundaberg University Experience](#)

Christian Heritage College

What can I study?

[CHC](#) is a Christian Higher Education institution located in Carindale and is a fully accredited private higher education provider, that aspires to model a Christian higher education alternative. It offers accredited bachelor's degrees in business, education, liberal arts, social science and ministries. The college is located in Mansfield, Brisbane. Applications to CHC are through QTAC. HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP are available for eligible students. Visit their website for more information relating to:

- [Future Students](#)
- [Courses](#)
- [About CHC](#)

Griffith University

Admission pathways

If you completed Year 12, your ATAR or rank does not expire and you may already be able to apply for your chosen degree. The ATAR and rank information on Griffith Degree Finder provides an indication of the achievement that may be required and should be used as a guide only. There are many admission pathway options available including:

- [Guaranteed Admission Scheme](#)
- [VET pathways to Griffith](#)
- [Griffith Personal Statement](#)
- [Bridging and enabling programs](#)
- [Upgrading via university study](#)
- [Griffith College](#)
- [STAT and employment experience](#)
- [Logan Direct Admission Scheme](#)
- [Single course of study](#)
- [Aptitude for Engineering Assessment](#)

Queensland University of Technology

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

Year 9 and 10 students are invited to [A quick guide to QUT: information session for Year 9 and 10 students](#). The webinar will be held on Wednesday 28 April, 5.30pm–6.30pm and will provide students with tools to help make course and careers decisions and advice about subject selection.

Advice Night

Year 11 and 12 students and their parents are invited to get their questions about uni answered at [QUT Advice Night](#) on Wednesday 24 March, 5.30pm–7pm. The webinar will offer advice about course and career planning, how to apply to uni, study costs and resources available to support parents and students throughout the year. There'll also be the chance to hear from real students about their uni experience and ask questions about their course and uni life.

Create, communicate and design with QUT

Students can write for Scratch That magazine, record and release their own music with Vermilion High or join the Jacaranda Community Press project and publish their own digital newspaper. For more information, visit the [Creative Industries schools engagement webpage](#).

QUT College update and virtual tour

In 2021 several pathway programs were introduced for domestic students at QUT College. Students can apply for a diploma in business or engineering and upon completion, will have a guaranteed pathway directly into second year of the relevant QUT degree. Undergraduate certificates were also offered in information technology and nursing. Students can develop foundational knowledge in these areas or use them as a taster to help decide further study options and career pathways. [Find out more](#). Discover QUT College and explore their facilities [online](#).

Record number of QUT offers for 2021

QUT made more than 11,600 QTAC offers to new students for study in 2021. Business, engineering, education, STEM and health courses were all in strong demand. [Read more](#).

Update on school VET qualifications

For entry in 2022, QUT will continue to accept AQF VET qualifications (Certificate IV and above) for any Year 12 student who graduates with a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or equivalent, ATAR or International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD). Students will also be able to use the selection rank from their VET qualification for entry. As a guide, minimum selection ranks for AQF VET qualifications are 87.00 for a completed diploma and 74.00 for a completed certificate IV. QUT will use the strongest of your ranks for entry, which may be your VET qualification, ATAR or IBD. This option is available for entry in 2022 only. If you are looking at taking a gap year you should still apply for 2022 and then defer your offer.

What's on in 2021 for QUT Young Accelerators

QUT's [Young Accelerators](#) program offers on-campus curriculum-mapped STEM workshops that aim to excite and inspire learning by combining STEM with creative learning and entrepreneurship. [Find out more](#) about how Young Accelerators continues to excite the next generation of STEM leaders and [explore the 2021 event calendar](#).

The University of Queensland

Rural Access Scheme

If you've lived in an Australian rural area, UQ's Rural Access Scheme may help boost your selection rank for entry into some programs. Rural areas of Australia often have restricted or limited access to educational opportunities, resources and health services compared with those available in cities or larger towns. To help address these challenges, UQ Rural Access Scheme provides eligible applicants with 2 adjustments to help boost their selection rank for entry into all undergraduate programs including the Doctor of Medicine (Provisional Entry).

If you're eligible for adjustments, your entry score will be converted to a QTAC selection rank and any adjustments will be added onto this rank. Each adjustment is equivalent to 1 rank. Note: You still have to meet all entry requirements for each program you apply for. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad (OzCLO)

This contest is for high school students from Years 9 – 12. Participants work in teams of four on a range of language-analysis problems. The competition is held at the school with teams submitting their answers through an online quiz. Some regions offer offline alternatives. Visit the [website](#) to learn more about the competition. Teams [must register](#) by 28 February, 2021. If you are interested, talk to a teacher or your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor about entering the Olympiad.

Torrens University Australia

How to apply to Torrens University

To study at Torrens Uni you [apply directly](#) to the university via their website. A Course and Career Advisor will contact you within 48 hours to discuss your application and then issue your letter of offer. Check out Torrens as it may provide a learning experience that best suits your learning style.

What can you study at Torrens University?

Torrens University offers a wide range of diploma and degree courses in the following faculty areas and you can [click here to find out more information](#):

- Business
- Design
- Education
- Health
- Hospitality
- English
- Project management
- Sports management
- Technology

University of Southern Queensland

First in family

Are you the first in your family to consider university as an option for the future? USQ's [First in Family website](#) has valuable information that will help answer some of the questions you might have about

university. Also, you can register on the site to receive more information. Information you can explore includes:

- [What to expect as a first in family uni student](#)
- [How self-belief could be affecting your studies](#)
- [Setting the truth straight about study time](#)

University of the Sunshine Coast

Credit Calculator for previously completed qualifications

If you have completed a previous VET or tertiary course you can check what amount of credit that course will gain you towards an undergraduate degree at University of Sunshine Coast. Visit their [Credit transfer calculator](#) for more information and to find out what credit you are eligible for.

Moreton Bay Campus at Petrie

USC's Moreton Bay Petrie campus is up and running with a wide range of courses available. [Click here](#) to take a virtual tour inside the USC Moreton Bay campus and see the learning and teaching spaces. [Click here](#) to find out what programs (undergraduate degrees) are being offered on Moreton Bay campus.

Parent Lounge

In the Parent Lounge you will find information about university that will assist you in supporting your child through Year 12 and then into University. Topics covered are listed below and you can [register here](#) for updates.

- [Pathways to study](#)
- [Courses and programs](#)
- [Fees](#)
- [Resources for parents](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- [Common questions asked by parents](#)
- [Accommodation and transport](#)
- [Getting a Headstart](#)
- [Parent persona quiz](#)

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
25/02/2021	The USQ Mathematics Enrichment Program event
05/03/2021	CQU Rockhampton experience event
06/03/2021	New Your Film Academy's online open day
11/03/2021	Hansen Scholarship closing date
12/03/2021	CQU Mackay experience event
17/03/2021	Bond Uni Student for a Semester May semester applications open
17/03/2021	The Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in STEM Education applications close
19/03/2021	CQU Cairns experience event
24/03/2021	QUT Advice Night
24/03/2021 to 26/03/2021	World Science Festival Brisbane and regional areas
26/03/2021	CQU Townsville and Gladstone University experience events