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Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Apprenticeship resources on the myfuture website

“An apprenticeship is a contract between a registered employer and an apprentice whereby the employer trains and employs the apprentice in an occupation. An apprentice undertakes structured learning and paid employment to achieve a relevant qualification.”

This definition of an apprenticeship comes from the [Apprenticeships page](#) on the myfuture website. Other topics on this page include:

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

Brisbane City Council (BCC) trade apprenticeships

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

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

BCC recruits throughout the year for apprentices. To apply you will need to submit a resume and cover letter outlining your personal attributes and interest in the apprenticeship on offer. To receive an email about the next apprentice intake, create an account and set up a Job Alert. Visit the [BCC Employment Programs website](#) for more information.

Don't know what types of apprenticeships are available?

On the [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website](#) you can search by trade group (Aircraft Engineering, Electrical, Boating, Hairdressing, Gardening, Signwriting, etc.) to find samples of apprenticeship and traineeship jobs and the training required.

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AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions

Gold Coast – Wednesday 12 July 2017 at 6 pm - *Army Officer Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, 14 Edgewater Court, Gold Coast, Robina. Book your spot [here](#).

Brisbane – Thursday 13 July 2017 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Book your spot [here](#).

Brisbane – Monday 17 July 2017 at 6 pm - *Submariner Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Book your spot [here](#).

Mackay – Wednesday 19 July 2017 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Quest Mackay, 38 MacAlister Street, Mackay. Book your spot [here](#).

Albany Creek – Wednesday 19 July 2017 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Albany Creek Tavern, 730 Albany Creek Road, Albany Creek. Book your spot [here](#).

Thursday Island – Thursday 20 July 2017 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Port Kennedy Association Hall, 66 Douglas Street, Thursday Island. Book your spot [here](#).

Ingham – Monday 24 July 2017 at 6 pm - *Trade Careers Information Session* at TYTO Conference and Events Centre, 38 Mc Ilwraith Street, Ingham. Book your spot [here](#).

Gold Coast – Tuesday 25 July 2017 at 6 pm - *Women in Defence Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, 14 Edgewater Court, Robina. Book your spot [here](#).

Townsville – Tuesday 25 July 2017 at 6 pm - *Trade Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Townsville, 71 Stanley Street, Townsville. Book your spot [here](#).

Charters Towers – Wednesday 26 July 2017 at 6 pm - *Trade Careers Information Session* at Excelsior Library, 130 Gill Street, Lissner. Book your spot [here](#).

Cairns – Thursday 27 July 2017 at 6 pm - *Trade Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Cairns, Level 1, 55 Lake Street, Cairns. Book your spot [here](#).

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

Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Open Day

On Saturday 26 August 2017, ADFA, located in Canberra, will open its doors to the public. This is an ideal opportunity for potential students to experience the academy firsthand. Defence and university staff will be available to answer questions. Reasons you might want to study at ADFA, include:

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

Visit the [ADFA Open Day website](#) to download the event program and information sessions and tours. Defence Force Recruiting will have a booth at the [Tertiary Studies Expo](#) (TSXPO) on 15 and 16 July 2017 to answer questions about ADFA.



Using Career ladders to develop your Career Ideas list

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

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

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

- Scan all the Career Ladders and select those that interest you.
- Scan the jobs listed in the four levels of your selected Career Ladders (you might choose to concentrate on one level). Choose jobs you are interested in finding out more about and write these down under the heading of 'Career Ideas'.
- Research each of the jobs in your Career Ideas list by clicking on the job in the relevant Career Ladder.
- Delete from your Career Ideas list any jobs that you are no longer interested in, now you know more about them.

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

Videos about jobs

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

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

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Competitions

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

The 1 - Minute Film Competition is an initiative of Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM) and ClickView. It provides Australian and New Zealand primary and secondary students with the opportunity to make a 60-second short film or animation, and win prizes in the process. The theme for 2017 is 'Tomorrow'. Applications close on 28 July 2017. Find out more on the [website](#).

Flicker Up

Flicker Up is a film competition for students enrolled in primary and secondary schools in Australia. It is a category within Flickerfest, Australia's international short film festival to be held in Sydney in January 2018. Applications for Flicker Up are now open and will close on 6 October 2017. Visit the [website](#) for details.

The 2017 Pixel Prize – a digital image competition

This competition is conducted by the Australian Catholic University. It is open to secondary students from Australia, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka who have a passion for photography and graphic design. This year's theme is 'Empathy'. See the [website](#) for details about the competition. Entries close for Australian entrants at 5 pm on Friday 15 September 2017 (AEST).



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

Course information sheets and 2018 application forms for the following courses are now available on the [JCU website](#).

- B Medicine/B Surgery
- B Dental Surgery`
- B Veterinary Science
- B Physiotherapy

You must submit the application form directly to JCU as well as apply to QTAC by 30 September 2017 for entry in 2018.

B Agriculture at CQUniversity (CQUni)

This program provides students with the knowledge and skills required for employment in tomorrow's technology driven Agribusiness, Cropping and Livestock industries. The course includes practical based training delivered in partnership with the Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges at Emerald Agricultural College. Students complete an embedded D Agriculture in the first year and mandatory industry placements as part of the second and third years. Visit the [CQUni website](#) for more information about this course.

Bond University snippets

Ideas Camp - This is a full-on, one-day business bootcamp designed exclusively for the next gen corporate adventurers. It will be held from 8.45 am – 3 pm on Friday 4 August 2017. The program consists of 'campfire' talks from some of Australia's most successful young entrepreneurs. Visit the [Bond website](#) for more information about the presenters and to register.

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

- [Bond University Preparation Program](#) – This program for domestic students can be studied on a full-time, flexible or part-time basis. Students gain the core skills required for university study and are guaranteed entry to most Bond diplomas or degrees, depending on their results.
- [Bond College Foundation Program](#) – This program for international students provides an academic preparation for students seeking entry to first year undergraduate study.

- [Bond University Diplomas](#) – These diplomas provide work-ready qualifications as well as a pathway into several undergraduate degrees at Bond. Diplomas can be completed in eight months full-time. Successful students can then move into their chosen degree at Bond with credit.

Change Academy courses for helping people

Change Academy offers nationally accredited diplomas in Counselling, Community Services, Youth Work and Youth Justice. The Academy has learning hubs in Beenleigh, Caboolture and Robina. See the [Academy website](#) for details about courses and university pathways

Discover Engineering and Surveying at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

Are you interested in Engineering and/or Surveying? You are invited to come and listen to recent graduates and professionals talk about these industries. This free event is open to students, parents, teachers and anyone interested to learn more about Engineering and Surveying. It will be held at the Toowoomba campus from 6 – 7.30 pm on Wednesday 26 July 2017. Visit the [USQ website](#) for more information and to register to attend.

Early Offer Guarantee at the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)

This scheme enables Year 12 students to be offered an early and guaranteed place at USC in November, before the release of Year 12 results. Early and guaranteed offers are made to students based on the recommendations of their school Principal. Applications for students wishing to study at USC in 2018 open on 3 August 2017. The deadline for students to submit their application to their school is 9 October 2017. See the [USC website](#) for more information.

Flight Attendant Career Session

Aviation Australia will hold this session from 6.30 – 8.30 pm on Tuesday 25 July 2017 at its campus on 15 Boronia Road, Eagle Farm. Register to attend on the [Australian Aviation website](#).

Flight Centre Travel Academy

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

Griffith University events

Schoolgirls' Breakfast Career Experience Day at Nathan – This event is for female students in Years 10 – 12. Participants will have an opportunity to learn about career pathways based on a passion for sport. The program will include breakfast, a panel presentation and workshops. The event will be held from 7 am – 12.30 pm on Wednesday 30 August 2017 at the Centre for Interfaith and Cultural Dialogue, Griffith University Nathan campus. For more information or to register, contact the Department of Tourism, Sport and Hotel Management by Tuesday 22 August 2017 by email ProjectOfficeHSL@griffith.edu.au or phone 07 5552 8624.

Open Day – You are invited to this event to be held from 9 am – 2 pm on Sunday 23 July 2017 at the Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses. The program on the day will include information sessions, tours and activities. Download the open day program from the [website](#). Register for Open Day on the website to be in the draw to win tickets to a session of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Swimming Finals.

Indigenous STEM Experience Day - First Australian students in Years 9 to 12, with their teachers or community Elders, are encouraged to participate in this event at the Nathan campus. It will be held from 9.30 am – 2.30 pm on Thursday 10 August 2017. On the day, students will participate in one of two workshop streams, an IT and engineering stream or a science and environment stream. Read about the program on the [website](#). See your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor about registering to attend this event as registration is through your school.

After the Siren: Griffith Sports College elite athlete workshops - This free, all-day workshop, will be run by the Griffith Sports College. It is designed for school-aged elite and developing athletes and includes information about good role modelling behaviour, tips on maximising opportunities and advice on preparing for life as an elite athlete. The workshops will be held on the following dates and venues:

- Wednesday 26 July 2017 at Griffith's Logan campus
- Monday 31 July 2017 at Runaway Bay Super Centre
- Friday 4 August 2017 at Griffith's Nathan campus.

Contact n.mccarthy@griffith.edu.au for more information and to register.

Applications for 2018 B Music – All applicants must lodge an online Application for Audition with the Queensland Conservatorium by 14 August 2017. There will be a two-round audition process. In round one, applicants are required to submit a video demonstrating their performance ability (by 14 August 2017). Live auditions will be held in round two between 25 – 29 September 2017. Visit the [website](#) for details.

News from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

- **Art, Design and Fashion information sessions**– Pathways: Art Design Fashion is a series of panel discussions with QUT lecturers and graduates about career opportunities in the areas of visual art, industrial design, landscape architecture, architecture, interior design and fashion. It will be held during [QUT's Open Day](#) on Sunday 30 July 2017. For more information and/or to book a session, visit the [Pathways: Art Design Fashion website](#).
- **QUT Caboolture campus transfer to the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)** - The Governing Councils of QUT and USC have agreed to move towards a transfer of QUT's Caboolture campus to USC from 1 January 2018. Both universities will work in partnership regarding the potential implications for QUT and USC staff and students. Check the Caboolture website for [further information and FAQs](#).

- **Making decisions: an online resource** - To help students with course and career decision making, QUT's career practitioners have developed a free online course - [Kickstart Your Career](#). Register now for the next course starting 7 August 2017.
- **International students attending TSXPO and Open Day** - International students completing senior studies in Australia are encouraged to attend TSXPO and Open Day to talk to course experts, current students, and specialist international staff. There will be a specialist desk/tent for international students at both events, and a seminar, *Getting in for international students*, at Open Day. [TSXPO](#) is on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 July 2017, and [Open Day](#) is on Sunday 30 July 2017.
- **Gain assumed knowledge or prerequisite subjects for university over summer** – If you don't meet the assumed knowledge or prerequisites for courses you wish to study in 2018, you can do an intensive bridging course. QUT offers bridging courses in Maths B, Chemistry and Physics. These bridging courses will meet requirements for QUT courses and may satisfy prerequisites for other universities (check with the relevant university). Registrations for Maths B close 9 October for evening classes and 6 November for day classes. The Chemistry course closes 13 October. Students can enrol in the Physics course at any time and complete it online. Visit the [website](#) for details.

NIDA 2018 applications open

Applications are now open for the National Institute of Dramatic Art's (NIDA) B Fine Arts and Vocational Diplomas for entry in 2018. Applications close on 30 September 2017. Specialisations in the B Fine Arts are in Acting, Costume, Design for Performance, Properties and Objects, Staging, and Technical Theatre and Stage Management. The Vocational Diplomas are in Live Production and Technical Services, Musical Theatre, Screen and Media (Specialist Make-up Services) and Stage and Screen performance. Eligible students can apply for FEE-HELP. For more information, visit the [NIDA website](#). NIDA representatives will be attending the [Tertiary Studies Expo](#) (TSXPO) on 15 and 16 July 2017.

NIDA Term three classes in Brisbane

The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) will be offering [Acting for Grades 11 and 12](#) this term in Brisbane. The program will be delivered at [TAFE Brisbane](#) on weekends, commencing on 23 July 2017.

Pathways to medicine at the University of Queensland (UQ)

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

- **Direct entry** for students who have completed, at minimum, a 3-year Bachelor Degree with a GPA of 5.0 or better within the last 10 years. They must achieve a minimum score of 50 in each section of the GAMSAT completed in the past two years. Applications are through the Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS). For more information, visit the [Future Students website](#).
- **Provisional entry for school leavers** – Year 12 students can apply through this pathway. The requirements are OP 1, a pass in Year 12 English and a UMAT score. Overall UMAT scores are used and UMAT Section 1 scores are used as a tie-breaker. Once accepted into the course, students must complete, at minimum, a 3-year Bachelor Degree at UQ before commencing their medical studies. See the [UQ School of Medicine website](#) for a list of recommended Bachelor Degrees.

Also, there are several special entry schemes available.

- **Alternative Entry Pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students** – This scheme is for capable students who may not meet the usual MD entry requirements. See the [Alternative Entry Pathway website](#) for details.
- The **Bonus Rank Schemes** can be applied to the MD program. They can be derived from the Educational Access Scheme, UQ Link Program and/or the UQ Bonus Rank Scheme. The maximum number of bonus points a student may receive is capped at five. See the [Future Students website](#) for more information.
- **Rural Background Sub-quota (RBS)** - 28 % of MD places in each year's intake are given to applicants who come from a rural background. Find out more [here](#).
- **Bonded Medical Place (BMP)** – 28.5 % of MD first-year places are BMPs. In return, following successful completion of their medical course, participants agree to work in an Eligible Location in Australia for a total of 12 months, prior to or within five-years of attaining fellowship (completion of a specialisation). For entry in 2017, the UMAT cut-off for Non-Bonded places was 186.61 and the UMAT cut-off for Bonded places was 181:60. A successful applicant can be both BMP and RBS. See the [Department of Health website](#) for details about the BMP scheme.

Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) Script Writing Workshop

[QSFT](#) invites students to the 'Direct It: Introduction to Directing Workshop' to be held from 9 am – 1 pm on Saturday 22 July 2017 at the campus in Annerley, Brisbane. Click [here](#) to register for this workshop. For more information about the workshop, phone (07) 3392 7788 or email marketing@qsft.qld.edu.au.

Thinking of studying at the University of Tasmania (UTAS)?

UTAS offers courses in the fields of Humanities, Business, Education, Health Science (including Medicine), Law, Science, Engineering, IT, Creative and Performing Arts, Environment, Journalism and Communication, Marine and Antarctic Studies, Maritime Studies, Tourism, Nursing and Midwifery. For information about the courses visit the [UTAS website](#) and the UTAS stand at the [TSXPO](#) in Brisbane on 15 and 16 July 2017. It is advisable to apply for [student accommodation](#) as early as possible to avoid missing out. Also, check out the [scholarships](#). Applications for entry to UTAS in 2018 open in August and close on 30 September 2017. You apply online directly to UTAS.

University of Melbourne snippets

Meet Melbourne in Brisbane and on the Sunshine Coast – Representatives from the University of Melbourne will be at the [TSXPO](#) in Brisbane on 15 and 16 July 2017 (this weekend) and the [Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo](#) on 18 July 2017.

Open Day – The university will hold its Open Day on Sunday 20 August 2017. Visit the [Open Day website](#) for more information.

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

Updates from the University of Queensland (UQ)

UQ Open Days - The 2017 Open Days are on Sunday 6 August (UQ St Lucia) and Sunday 20 August (UQ Gatton). You can obtain an Open Day Program from your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor. Alternatively, go to the Open Day [website](#) to download the Open Day Program and the Open Day App and start planning your day.

UQ Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) – High achieving Year 11 students are invited to apply for this program which gives you the opportunity to study one UQ subject during Year 12 in 2018. You can view content from the 2017 program on the [ESP website](#). The 2018 content will be available in early August when applications open. Applications for 2018 close on 31 October 2017.

UQ Women in Engineering: Engineering Futures Evening – This event will be held on 20 July 2017 in the GHD Auditorium, Level 2, Advanced Engineering Building, St Lucia campus. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register.

UQ Women in Engineering: Explore Engineering Regional Schools Program – This program provides Year 10 – 12 students, living outside of Brisbane, the opportunity to come to UQ St Lucia to explore engineering as a career option. It will be held on 20 and 21 July 2017 and will include attending the Engineering Futures Evening. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Date reminder for the following experience days at UQ:

- 13 July 2017 [Economics Schools Day](#)
- 21 July 2017 [Earth and Environment Day](#).

Employment

Australian Jobs 2017 now available

Want to know the employment trends for jobs you are interested in? The Australian Jobs 2017 booklet provides information about employment trends by location, age, industry and occupation. It will help you understand where the jobs are and what employers look for when recruiting. It highlights the changes in the Australian labour market, noting that large numbers of new jobs are expected to be created over the next five years. It also provides a guide to where these jobs are likely to be. You can download the booklet from the [Department of Employment website](#).

Digital literacy: what is it and how important is it in the future of work?

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

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

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

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

What are transferable skills?

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

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

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

- [Personal Transferable Skills](#) from the Queensland University of Technology
- Identifying Transferable Skills from Griffith University (do a Google search)
- [Transferable Skills](#) from Princeton University.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



2018 Endeavour College of Natural Health scholarships

Endeavour College is offering up to five scholarships for secondary school leavers and school gap year students from 17 - 19 years of age for studies in 2018. Endeavour will cover the cost of the tuition fees for the first year of study in any of the B Health Science degree programs in Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine, Acupuncture, Myotherapy, and the online B Complementary Medicine. Applications open on 24 July and close on 27 November 2017. Visit the [Endeavour website](#) for details.

Bond University 2018 scholarships closing soon

The Bond University's scholarship program for Year 12 students will close at the end of this month. Visit the [scholarship website](#) for a list of scholarships; to download the 2018 Bond University Scholarship brochure; and for tips on applying. Interested students are encouraged to start their online application as soon as possible so they can ensure all sections are completed by the 31 July 2017 closing date.

Redkite Education Support Grants – the Dare to Dream Scholarships

If you are 15 - 24 years of age and have cancer or have survived cancer, you are invited to apply for this scholarship. As part of the application you are required to write about your dream, how cancer got in the way and how a Dare to Dream scholarship or grant could help you make it happen. Applications for the 2018 Dare to Dream Scholarship and Grant program are now open and will close on the 14 August 2017. Visit [website](#) for more information.



Gap Year Program News

Gap year program news

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

Lattitude Global Volunteering applications for 2018 overseas placements are now open. Learn about their gap year programs on the [Lattitude website](#).

Projects Abroad will hold an information session from 6.30 – 7.30 pm on Monday 17 July 2017 at the Hotel George Williams, 325 George Street, Brisbane. Register to attend [here](#).

Southern Cross-Cultural Exchange will hold an information session from 7 – 9 pm on Tuesday 25 July 2017 at Ruth Fairfax House, 89-95 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. Register to attend [here](#).

World Education Program Student Exchange (WEP) will hold an information session in Brisbane from 7 – 8.30 am on Wednesday 19 July 2017 at Fulton Trotter Lounge, 129 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill. Visit the [WEP website](#) to register to attend.

Youth for Understanding Student Exchange (YFU) will hold an online information session between 6 – 7.30 pm on 13 July 2017. For details and to register, visit the [YFU website](#).

Indigenous

2018 Endeavour College of Natural Health Indigenous Scholarships for School Leavers

Endeavour College is offering up to two scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 12 school leavers for study in 2018. Endeavour will cover the full cost of tuition fees for one of one of the B Health Science degrees in either Naturopathy (4 years) or Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine (3 years). Applications open on 24 July and close on 27 November 2017. Visit the [Endeavour website](#) for details.

Bond University Indigenous scholarships for 2018

These scholarships, valued up to 50% of tuition fees for any single undergraduate degree (excluding the Medical Program) or 100% tuition for any diploma program, are awarded to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students who have demonstrated extracurricular involvement, leadership potential and academic achievements. Applicants must have successfully completed, or be currently completing Year 12 at an Australian High School. Applications close on 31 July 2017. Visit the [Bond website](#) for further information.

Qantas Indigenous Program

The Qantas Indigenous Program offers several pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. These include an internship program for students at university and a school-based traineeship program for students in Year 11. Find out more on the [Qantas website](#).

Occupational Information



5 high-paying jobs that don't require a degree

The Course Finder blog has posted an item by Andrea Riddell that lists five jobs that don't require you to complete a university degree. These jobs are:

- Real Estate Agent
- Personal or Executive Assistant
- Community Services Support Worker
- Dental Assistant
- Bookkeeper.

Visit the [Course Finder blog](#) to read about these jobs.

Careers in automotive

The automotive industry offers a broad range of careers. Visit the [Auto Skills Australia website](#) to find out more.

How do you become a qualified psychologist in Australia?

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

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

Courses are accredited by the [Australian Psychology Accreditation Council](#) (APAC) and approved by the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA). See a list of accredited Queensland courses on the APAC website (this page has a useful diagram of the pathways to becoming a registered psychologist).

The second step is to complete one of the following:

- An accredited masters or doctoral degree

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

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

The following are useful resources:

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

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Career Markets and Expos in July 2017

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

July

18 - **Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo** from 10 am – 2 pm at Calvary Centre, Tanawha. Visit the [expo website](#) for a list of the exhibitors, the seminars and the competitions.

25 – **Ignite Youth Careers Expo** from 9 am – 2.30 pm at Logan Metro Indoor Sports Centre, Crestmead. Updates are on the [Logan City Council website](#).

25- **Stanthorpe Careers Market** at the Stanthorpe State High School

25 - **Warwick Careers Market** at the Warwick Indoor Recreation and Aquatic Centre

26 – **Charters Towers Careers Expo** from 11 am – 4.30 pm at Dalrymple Trade Training Centre, Charters Towers

27 – **South Burnett Careers Market** from 9 am – 3 pm at TAFE Queensland, Kingaroy. See the [TAFE South-West website](#) for information about the program.

Open day checklist from the Good Universities Guide

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

What to do on the day

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

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

Key questions to ask staff and students about courses

- What are the entry requirements? Are there any prerequisite subjects or additional requirements (such as a portfolio or interview)?

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

Key questions to ask staff and students about the university

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

Key questions to ask staff and students about student life

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

Other things to consider

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

Useful links:

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

Selected Queensland tertiary institution open days

July

22 - **Australian Catholic University**, Brisbane campus Open Day from 9 am – 2 pm. Register and download the open day program on the [ACU website](#).

22 - **Bond University** Twilight Open Day from 2 – 6 pm. Look inside open day and register to attend on the [Bond website](#).

23 - **Griffith University** Open Day at the Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses from 9 am – 2 pm. Register [online](#) to go into the draw to win four tickets to a session of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Swimming Finals.

23 – **University of the Sunshine Coast**, Sippy Downs campus from 9.30 am – 2 pm. Look at the program on the [USC website](#) to plan your day.

25 – **TAFE Queensland Bracken Ridge** Open Day from 10 am – 4 pm. Download the flyer on the [SkillsTech website](#).

27 – **TAFE Queensland Acacia Ridge** Open Day from 10 am – 2 pm. Download the flyer on the [SkillsTech website](#).

30 - **Queensland University of Technology**, Gardens Point Campus, from 9 am – 3 pm. Plan you day with the QUT Open Day Planner and register for a chance to win a MacBook on the [QUT website](#).

Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) – THIS WEEKEND

This is a must attend event for Year 12 students in South-East Queensland. It will be held from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 July 2017 at the Royal International Convention Centre, RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane.

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

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

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

AFTRS offers a B Arts Screen: Production as well as several Advanced Diplomas and Diplomas (including Screenwriting, Production Sound, 3D Animation and Visual Effects, Social Media, Editing, Screen Business management, Radio Essentials) at its campus in Sydney. The School will hold its Open day from 10 am – 3 pm on Saturday 12 August 2017. On the day, you can meet the tutors, participate in sample course sessions and tour the facilities. Visit the [Open Day site](#) for more information about the event and to register. If you can't make it to Sydney, tune into the [Facebook](#) live stream.

Overseas Studies

2017 World University Rankings announced

The Times Higher Education has recently released its [2017 World University Rankings](#). This information may be helpful if you are thinking about studying at an overseas university in the future. You can use the information to compare universities from around the world.

Loan Options for International Students in the USA

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



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

Special consideration through QTAC

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

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

Through EAS you may receive bonus ranks towards entry to your preferred course. You apply for EAS as part of your QTAC application. QTAC will send you an email containing a cover sheet for each relevant category if you need to send documentation to support your EAS application. You then mail or deliver the required documents with the cover sheet(s) to QTAC. Read more about EAS in the *2018 Year 12 Guide* on p. 10 and on the [QTAC website](#).

TAFE pathways to university study

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

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

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

The 2018 Year 12 Guide

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

- How to apply through QTAC and some myths about the process (p. 6)
- Ordering preferences and how to reorder them for multiple offer rounds (p. 8)
- How offers work (p. 16)
- Responding to an offer (p. 18)
- Key dates and fees (p. 21)
- Courses that have fixed closing dates i.e. you must apply for them by a certain date or you miss out (p. 22)
- Courses that have their major offer round on 21 December 2017 (p. 23)
- Information about the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) (p. 10)
- A section on assistance schemes (p. 26). Institution websites will provide you with more information
- Course descriptions and requirements (use the index on p. 31 or the page colours to help you find courses in the different fields of study)
- Information about direct entry institutions you apply directly to (i.e. not through QTAC) (p. 171)
- Information and contact details for tertiary institutions you apply to through QTAC (p. 187).

Year 12 students are advised to read the information in this booklet carefully. Use the 'Contents' page on p. 3 to find specific topics. More information is available on the [QTAC website](#). The Early-bird due date for QTAC online applications is 29 September 2017. The application fee is \$42.



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

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

BCC Libraries offer homework help

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

Five study mistakes you're probably making

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

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

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