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Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Brisbane City Council (BCC) apprenticeships

Applications for BCC apprenticeships commencing in February 2017 will open on 12 September and close on 26 September 2016. BCC is looking to recruit a number of apprentices in a range of trades, including electrical, plumbing, carpentry, auto electrical, heavy vehicle mechanic, coach building, Arboriculture and parks and gardens. Once applications open, go to the BCC website at <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au> and do a search for 'Jobs'. You will be required to submit a resume and cover letter outlining your attributes and your interest in the particular apprenticeship you are applying for. For more information about BCC apprenticeships, phone 3403 8888.

Hospitality Traineeships

Club Training Australia are currently advertising Certificate III in Hospitality traineeships with Norths Devils Leagues Club, Nundah, Brisbane. Interested students in Years 10 or 11 only are encouraged to apply. Interested students can email their resume to hireme@clubtraining.com.au (put the employer's name as the subject of the email) or apply online at <http://clubtraining.com.au/school-based-resume-upload/>. Resumes are due by 5 pm on Friday 9 September 2016. There will be a speed recruitment and interview evening at 5 pm on Monday 12 September at the Norths Devils Leagues Club. Sign up of successful applicants will occur between 9 am and 4 pm on Monday 19 September 2016. Contact Mariell Gray on telephone 3878 8977 if you have any questions.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Upcoming Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions

Brisbane – Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. To RSVP, email cptqld@dfr.com.au or click on <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/2NNPQA/>.

Maroochydore – Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at the Mooloolaba Yacht Club. Walk-ins are welcome or you can book your spot at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/KNDCFK/>.

Online – Thursday 8 September 2016 at 6.30 pm - *Careers in the ADF Q&A*. On the night, a link will be posted on the ADF Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/>) that you will need to click to join the Q&A.

Toowoomba – Monday 12 September 2016 at 5.30 pm - *Women in Defence Information Session* at Toowoomba Defence Force Recruiting Centre, Milne Bay Training Depot, O'Quinn Street, Toowoomba. Walk-ins are welcome or you can make a booking at <https://www.ivvy.com/event/FH6BNH/>.

Cairns – Monday 12 September 2016 at 6 pm - *Trade Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Cairns, Level 1, 55 Lake Street, Cairns. Walk-ins are welcome or you can make a booking at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/XP9ODP/>.

Townsville – Tuesday 13 September 2016 at 6 pm - *Trade Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Townsville, 143 Walker Street, Townsville. Walk-ins are welcome or you can make a booking at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/PMPP34/>.

Brisbane – Tuesday 13 September 2016 at 6 pm - *Women in Defence Cinema Evening* at Indooroopilly Event Cinemas, 322 Moggill Road, Indooroopilly. To RSVP, email wid@dfr.com.au or register at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/A78G4G/>.

Mackay – Wednesday 14 September 2016 at 6 pm - *Trade Careers Information Session* at Quest Mackay on Gordon, 27 Gordon Street, Mackay. Walk-ins are welcome or you can make a booking at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/FTX9W8/>.

Thursday Island – Thursday 15 September 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Port Kennedy Association Inc., 66 Douglas Street, Thursday Island. Walk-ins are welcome or make a booking at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/ADMXBT/>.

Rockhampton – Thursday 15 September 2016 at 6 pm - *Trade Careers Information Session* at the Leichhardt Hotel, Bolsover Street and Denham Street, Rockhampton City. Walk-ins are welcome or you can make a booking at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/NB5GYH/>.

Toowoomba – Thursday 20 September 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Toowoomba, Milne Bay Training Depot, O'Quinn Street, Toowoomba. Walk-ins are welcome or you can make a booking at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/2O5PDE/>.

Ipswich – Wednesday 21 September 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Ipswich Metro Hotel, 43 South Street, Ipswich. To register visit <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/OYRF1O> or email CPTQLD@dfr.com.au.

Townsville – Thursday 22 September 2016 at 6 pm - *Engineering Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Townsville, 143 Walker Street, Townsville. Walk-ins are welcome or you can make a booking at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/PGR1DG/>.

Gold Coast – Monday 26 September 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, Ground Floor, 14 Edgewater Court, Robina. Walk-ins are welcome or you can make a booking at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/W8N4RH/>.

Brisbane – Wednesday 28 September 2016 at 6 pm – *ADF Careers Q & A Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. To register, visit <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/LKAPGZ/> or email cptqld@dfr.com.au.

More information about each of these events can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events>. This page also has dates for Army Reserve Information Sessions.

Competitions

Focus on Architecture photography competition

The Brisbane Open House (BOH) photography competition includes a competition for students in Years 7 – 12. To enter, visit any of the BOH buildings allowing photography on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 October 2016, snap your winning photo and submit it via the Brisbane Open House website before 5pm on Friday 14 October 2016 for your chance to win a \$250 prize for the best photo. Visit <http://brisbaneopenhouse.com.au/photography-competition> for details.



Course & Institution Updates

Applications for auditions open for 2017 entry to jazz courses at JMI

The Jazz Music Institute (JMI) invites students to audition for entry to its specialised jazz courses, including B Music in Jazz Performance and D Music (Jazz Performance). Auditions are by appointment. Visit <http://www.jazz.qld.edu.au/students/prospective-students/> for details.

Griffith University updates

Continuous QTAC offers – Offers will be made to Year 12 students for Griffith courses from the following dates:

- From 18 November 2016 guaranteed admission program (e.g. GUESTS, Griffith Connect) offers will be made to the applicant's highest eligible Griffith preference
- From 21 December 2016, following the release of OPs, offers will be made to the applicant's highest eligible Griffith preference
- From 16 January 2017 offers will be made to applicants applying for courses with quotas such as medical science, dental science, paramedicine, exercise science and midwifery.

Discover Griffith – Griffith invites future students and their family and friends to get a taste of life at Griffith in a fun and informative on-campus event to be held from 4 – 7 pm at the Nathan campus on Tuesday 6 September and at the Gold Coast campus on Thursday 8 September 2016. Visit <https://www.griffith.edu.au/discover-griffith> for details of this event and to register.

Aptitude for Engineering Assessment (AEA) exam – This exam offers a pathway into engineering at Griffith to Year 12 students who may not have the prerequisite subjects or OP/Rank for admission. Visit <https://www.griffith.edu.au/engineering-information-technology/griffith-school-engineering/future-students/aptitude-engineering-assessment> for details and the registration due date.

Griffith Connect Valued Partners Program – If your school is in this program, you may be eligible to apply for the:

- onnect Guaranteed Admission Scheme; applications close 30 September 2016; see <https://connect.gu.gji.com.au/>
- Academic Excellence Bursary; applications close on 7 October 2016; see <https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships/categories/griffith-connect-academic-excellence-bursary>

See your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer for information about your eligibility to apply.

Headstart Day at Bond University

This event will be held on Monday 17 October 2016. It will provide Year 10 and 11 students with an opportunity to try university subjects from across Bond's four faculties. Details about the day's program will be available shortly at <https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/see-yourself/headstart-day>.

Holiday courses at the Australian Institute of Creative Design (AICD)

AICD has campuses on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane. It offers diploma and certificate courses in Arts and Design, Beauty Therapy, Fashion Business, Fashion Design, Fashion Styling, Interior Design, Make-up and Photography. The following are some of the September holiday courses available:

- Want to Be a Photographer?
- Sew Like a Designer
- Design Your Own Print
- Special Effects Makeup
- Discover Interior Design.

Visit the AICD website at <http://aicd.edu.au/holiday-courses.php> for details.

Latest news from the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

Study options evening – This evening will be held from 5 – 7 pm on Wednesday 21 September 2016 at the Springfield campus. This is an opportunity to find out about USQ courses, talk to current students and check out the campus. RSVP at <http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2016/09/usq-study-options-spf>.

Not sure what you want to study at university? – USQ's B General Studies gives students the opportunity to study a broad range of areas before deciding on a specific area. Find out about this course at <http://www.usq.edu.au/study/degrees/bachelor-of-general-studies>.

Expanded engineering offerings at USQ Springfield – Mechatronic, Mechanical and Electrical and Electronic majors will be added to the Springfield campus engineering course for study in 2017. At USQ, these programs are designed so that students have the option to articulate from an Associate Degree to a B Engineering Science and then onto a B Engineering (Honours). Access details of the engineering courses at <http://www.usq.edu.au/study/results?sa=Engineering+%26Built+Environment>.

Notes from the University of Queensland (UQ)

Bridging programs accepted by UQ – If you don't meet the subject prerequisites for the UQ course you are interested in, you can pick up the subjects through a number of bridging programs. Download UQ's 'Bridging Programs Information Sheet' by doing a search for 'bridging programs' on the UQ website at <http://www.uq.edu.au/>. **Note:** these programs may not be accepted by other universities. It is important to check with the institutions you are interested in.

Intensive prerequisite courses at UQ College – UQ College will deliver prerequisite courses in Mathematics, Chemistry or Biology in intensive mode over a four-week period from Tuesday 22 November to Saturday 17 December 2016. Applications for these courses close on 26 October 2016. Results from these courses will be available for QTAC’s major offer round on 16 January 2017. Students intending to do one of these courses should indicate this on their QTAC application form. Access more information about the prerequisite courses at <http://www.uqcollege.edu.au/programs.php?p=6>.

UQ Advantage – It is no longer sufficient to have the ‘paper’ qualifications for a job. Employers want a range of skills that can only be gained through experiences other than study. The UQ Advantage Office provides a number of programs to help you gain these experiences while you undertake your studies. These include international, research and leadership experiences and career/work opportunities. Find out more at <http://www.uq.edu.au/uqadvantage/>.

Robotics holiday workshops – These workshops are for students in Years 7 - 12. Topics covered are:

- Introduction to robotics – 27 September 2016
- Artificial intelligence – 28 September 2016
- RoboGals – 29 September 2016.

Visit <https://www.eait.uq.edu.au/robotics-ict#robotics-holiday-workshop> for more information. To register for a workshop, telephone 3365 3853 or email schools@eait.uq.edu.au.

Pathway courses at the Australian Catholic University (ACU)

ACU offers a number of pathways for students who don’t gain entry to their preferred course. These pathways include associate degree, diploma and certificate courses. Successful completion of the courses can lead to entry to bachelor degree courses at ACU. Credit into degree courses may be available. Pathway courses are available on the Brisbane campus in the following fields of study:

- Educational studies
- Business Information Systems
- Commerce
- Educational Studies
- Liberal studies
- Philosophy
- Theology
- Tertiary Preparation Program (Health Sciences).

Vocational Education and Training pathway courses are available in Education Support (pathway into B Education), Exercise Science (pathway into B Exercise and Health Science or B Exercise and Sports Science), Early Childhood Education and Care and Nursing (pathway into B Nursing).

Visit the Pathway Programs website at <http://www.acu.edu.au/417383> for details.

Qld School of Beauty Therapy (QSBT) holiday course

QSBT is located in Toowong, Brisbane. It offers courses in beauty therapy and related topics. It will offer a five-day 'Learn to Design and Apply Make-Up' course during the September holidays for high school students. You can download a course flyer at https://gallery.mailchimp.com/3f0e0ee1e0b9d502c3ea51ab9/files/School_Holidays_Make_up_Course.01.pdf. For more information about this course, call 3371 2055 or email info@qsb.com.au. To find out more about QSBT, visit the website at <http://www.qsb.com.au/>.

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) news

Destinations event – Do you have a creative destination in mind? Explore the creative course options available at QUT's Creative Industries Precinct in dance, drama, music recording and visual arts at Destinations. This event will be held on 27 and 28 September 2016. Find out more at <http://nowalls.qut.edu.au/destinations/>.

New B Sport and Exercise Science – This course will replace the B Exercise and Movement Science starting in Semester one 2017. The current associated double degrees will be discontinued. Students interested in becoming a sport psychologist should study the B Behavioural Science (Psychology). Access details about the new course at <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/courses/bachelor-of-sport-and-exercise-science>.

Changes to B Radiation Therapy – This course will be of four years' duration and offer an honours pathway from 2017. Read about the course at <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/courses/bachelor-of-radiation-therapy>.

'Process' major in QUT's B Engineering - In Australia, chemical engineering graduates normally work in a job called Process Engineer. Process engineers are responsible for delivering a range of products on which we depend, such as petrol, gas, water, food, paper and sugar. Read about this major at <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/courses/bachelor-of-engineering-honours/bachelor-of-engineering-honours-process>.

Pathways to teaching in the creative arts – Pathways are available for teaching careers via the following undergraduate creative industry programs:

- B Creative Industries (in the study areas of visual arts; drama; English; film, television and screen; animation or music)
- B Fine Arts (majoring in dance; drama; visual arts; film, TV and new media production or animation) and B Music.

Students complete their undergraduate degree followed by a two-year Master of Teaching majoring in Early Childhood or Primary (currently available) or Secondary (available in 2018).

Elite Athlete Entry Program applications - Elite athletes can apply for the Elite Athlete Entry Program to receive a bonus of up to 3 OPs (or 6 ranks) to help them gain entry to their chosen course at QUT. Applications for this program close on 30 September 2016. Visit <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/special-entry-programs/elite-athletes-elite-athletes-entry-program> for details. Elite athletes are also encouraged to apply for the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship (Elite Athlete). For information about this scholarship, visit <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-prizes/vice-chancellors-scholarship-elite-athlete>.

How do international Year 12 students apply to QUT? – International students apply for QUT courses through QTAC. QTAC provides this information to QUT. QUT will send conditional offers to these students

from late October. The offers are conditional on meeting course requirements. See <https://www.qut.edu.au/international/applying> for more information.

TAFE Qld Brisbane Spring School Program

The Spring Schools will be offered from 19 – 30 September 2016 at TAFE Qld Brisbane campuses. They are designed to provide students in Years 10 – 12 with an opportunity to trial potential pathways in a wide range of industries. Spring Schools commence between 8.30 am – 9 am and finish between 2 – 3 pm each day. The cost is \$20 per person which includes pizza lunch, soft drinks and water. Places will be strictly limited and you are encouraged to enrol early to avoid disappointment. Spring Schools will be offered in the following fields:

- Visual Art – 19 September at Logan and 20 September at Bracken Ridge
- Floristry – 20 September at Grovely
- Acting – 20 September at South Bank
- Children Services – 20 September at Logan
- Fashion – 20 September at Mt Gravatt and 22 September at Bracken Ridge
- Hairdressing and Makeup – 20 September at Caboolture
- Jewellery – 20 September at South Bank
- Justice – 20 September at Logan and 21 September at Mt Gravatt
- Multimedia – 20 September at Redcliffe
- Robotics – 20 September at Mt Gravatt
- Sport and Fitness – 20 September at Bracken Ridge and 28 September at Alex Hills
- Music – 21 September at South Bank
- Networking – 21 September at Mt Gravatt
- Design Fundamentals – 23 September at Bracken Ridge
- Hospitality – 23 September at Mt Gravatt and 30 September at Bracken Ridge
- Fashion – 27 September at South Bank
- Hair/Makeup/Glamour Photography – 26 September at Logan
- Music Business – 29 September at South Bank
- Tourism/Events – 29 September at Mt Gravatt
- Cooking/Baking – 30 September at Bracken Ridge and at South Bank
- Horticulture/Animal Studies – 29 September at Mt Gravatt

Email innovations.brisbane@tafe.qld.edu.au and insert 'Spring School' as the Subject and you will be sent the full program.

TAFE Queensland Dental programs

TAFE Queensland offers the following dental programs:

Dental Assistant – The Certificate III in Dental Assisting can be studied at the TAFE Brisbane South Bank campus full-time, by flexible delivery (students must be employed in a dental clinic) and as part of a traineeship. TAFE East Coast offers the course in a blended study mode and as part of a traineeship. Courses are also available for international students. Read about these courses at

<http://tafeqld.edu.au/course-search/search.php?q=Dental%20Assistant&qf=j>. You apply directly to the relevant TAFE campus for these courses.

Dental Technologist – The two-year Diploma of Dental Technology is offered on a full-time basis at the TAFE Brisbane South Bank campus. Students learn the full range of dental technology skills, from prosthetics, crowns, bridgework and orthodontics. The course is available for international students. Visit <http://tafeqld.edu.au/course-search/search.php?q=Dental%20Technician&qf=j> for details. Domestic students apply through QTAC for this course. VET FEE-HELP is available for eligible students.

Dental Prosthetist – The three-year B Dental Prosthetics is available at the TAFE Brisbane South Bank Campus. Graduates of this course can gain registration as a dental prosthetist. This field of work combines the skills of a dental technologist with the clinical skills required to develop functional teeth and an aesthetically pleasant smile. The course is available for international students. Domestic students apply for this course through QTAC. FEE-HELP is available for eligible students. More information can be accessed at <http://tafeqld.edu.au/course-search/search.php?q=Dental%20Prosthetist&qf=j>.

Updates from James Cook University (JCU)

Accommodation - JCU has an Accommodation Service that can assist with on and off campus accommodation options. Applications for the on campus residential colleges and halls in Townsville are open. Find out more at <http://www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation/>.

Important due dates – If you do not meet the following dates, you will not be considered for the related courses:

- 30 September 2016 - the last date for Medicine/Surgery, Dental Surgery, Veterinary Science and Physiotherapy online applications to QTAC.
- 30 September 2016 - the final date to submit the JCU written application to JCU for Medicine/Surgery, Dental Surgery, Veterinary Science and Physiotherapy. Visit <https://www.jcu.edu.au/division-of-tropical-health-and-medicine/application-forms/domestic-applicants> to access a course information sheet and the application.
- 14 October 2016 - the last date for the Predictions of Academic Achievement forms to be emailed to the JCU College of Medicine and Dentistry. Note that this form must be emailed by the school principal, guidance officer or director of studies only, not the student.

Get ready for uni - This JCU web page at <http://www.jcu.edu.au/getready4uni/> has all the information you need to help you settle into university study and living.

Information sessions – Find out about studying at JCU in 2017 by attending one of the following sessions:

- 13 September – 5 – 7 pm Cairns Information Session
- 14 September – 5 – 7 pm Cairns Indigenous Centre Open Night
- 14 September - 5:30 – 7 pm Townsville Open Night
- 15 September - 2 – 9 pm Mackay Information Session.

For details, visit <https://www.jcu.edu.au/events>.

Disabilities

Tertiary education experience (TEE)

TEE is open to students with disabilities in Years 9, 10 and 11 from across Queensland and Northern NSW (there are some travel and accommodation subsidies available to regional students). It will be held at Griffith University, South Bank campus on 14 October 2016. TEE is aimed at providing participating students with motivation for tertiary study, information about the support services available and an experience within a university environment. Find out more at <https://www.griffith.edu.au/student-equity-services/outreach-activities/tertiary-education-experience>.

Vision Australia Further Education Bursaries

Applications for the 2017 bursaries for students who are blind or have low vision are now open. The bursaries provide adaptive technology to help students fully participate in their chosen studies. Applications close on Friday 28 October 2016. For information on how to apply and to download the application form, visit <http://www.visionaustralia.org/living-with-low-vision/learning-to-live-independently/further-education-support/vision-australia-further-education-bursary>.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



A reminder for Year 12 students about Tax File Numbers

Prospective university students are encouraged to apply early for a Tax File Number (TFN). Students who gain entry to a university course must have a TFN to be able to defer their fee payment through HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP or VET FEE-HELP (to pay later through the tax system). To obtain a TFN, you contact the Australian Tax Office (ATO) and complete a 'tax file number - application or enquiry for an individual' form. You need to apply early as it takes up to 28 days to receive your TFN. You can call the ATO on 132 861 or visit the website at <https://www.ato.gov.au/>.

Commonwealth Scholarships

There are three types of Commonwealth scholarships:

Student Start-Up Scholarship – This scholarship has been replaced by the Student Start-Up Loan as of 1 January 2016. The Student Start-up Loan is available to eligible full time students in higher education who receive Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance. It is not paid automatically. You have to apply for it. The loan is administered by Centrelink. See <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/student-start-loan> for more information about this loan.

Relocation Scholarship – This is an annual payment to help eligible ABSTUDY or Youth Allowance students with their higher education if they have relocated to or from a regional or remote area to study. This loan is administered by Centrelink. More information can be accessed at <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/relocation-scholarship>.

Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships - These scholarships assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from low socio-economic backgrounds, particularly those from rural and regional areas. They are administered on behalf of the Commonwealth Government by eligible universities. See <http://www.education.gov.au/commonwealth-scholarships> for more information.

CQUniversity scholarships brochure

Download the scholarships brochure at <https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses-and-programs/study-areas/brochures/>. Scholarship information is also available at <https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses-and-programs/scholarships>.

Equity scholarships at the Queensland University of Technology

If you are from a low-income background or are experiencing financial or personal hardship, visit <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-prizes/equity-scholarships-scheme> to explore the range of Equity Scholarships available at QUT. Applications for Semester 1 2017 open in mid-September 2016. You complete one application form to be considered for all scholarships under the scheme. It is important to apply early for these scholarships to allow QUT to contact you if more information is required. For help with applying, contact the Equity Scholarships team on phone 3138 5582 or email equityscholarships@qut.edu.au.

Griffith University's Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships

The Deans Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships and the Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships are awarded to school leavers with outstanding academic records and high level leadership and community engagement. These scholarships are worth from \$24,000 - \$60,000 and include membership of the Griffith Honours College. Applications for these scholarships close on 9 December 2016. Find out more about the full range of scholarships at Griffith at <https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships>.

HECS-HELP discount changes

From 1 January 2017, the Commonwealth Government will remove the upfront HECS-HELP discount of 10% for eligible students that pay their student contributions upfront and the voluntary HELP repayment bonus of 5%. The change to the upfront discount will only affect HECS-HELP. However, the change to the voluntary repayment bonus will apply to all HELP loans. Find out more about the HELP loans on the Study Assist website at <http://studyassist.gov.au/sites/StudyAssist>.

JMC Academy scholarships

JMC offers diploma and bachelor degrees in Animation, Audio Engineering and Sound Production, Contemporary Music and Performance, Digital Design, Entertainment Business Management, Film and Television Production, Game Development and Songwriting. The Academy will offer up to eight academic scholarships at its Brisbane campus for studies in 2017. Applications are now open and will close on the 16 December 2016. Find out more at <http://www.jmccademy.edu.au/Apply/Domestic-Students/Scholarships>.

Local Sporting Champions program

This program provides financial assistance for young people aged 12 – 18 years towards the cost of competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships. To find out more, go to http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local_sporting_champions.

QUT Business Scholarships

The Queensland University of Technology's (QUT) Business School offers the following undergraduate scholarships for school leavers commencing their studies in 2017.

- **Corporate Partners in Excellence** – Valued at \$36,000 and includes two 15-week internships with QUT corporate partners. Applications close on 18 November 2016.
- **Dean's Honours Program** – Valued at \$20,000. Apply for the B Business (Dean's Honours Program) through QTAC.
- **Business Academic Excellence Scholarship** – Awarded to eligible OP 1 – 2 students. It is valued at \$5,000. To apply for this scholarship, you include the B Business on your QTAC application as well as apply QUT online at <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-prizes/business-academic-excellence-scholarship>.

Access more information about these scholarships at <https://www.qut.edu.au/business/courses-and-study/scholarships>.

Scholarships at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

Chancellor's Scholarships – Three of these scholarships will be awarded to the most outstanding applicants commencing full-time on-campus study in 2017 at the Toowoomba, Springfield and Ipswich campuses. Applications close on 28 October 2016. See <http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships/usq/chancellor> for details.

USQ Residential College Scholarships – These scholarships are used towards the cost of accommodation at the USQ Residential Colleges, Toowoomba Campus. Applications are due on 28 October 2016. Visit <http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships/usq/usq-rural-residential> for more information.

John Ross Clancy Indigenous Student Book Bursary – Two of these bursaries will be offered to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying on-campus at USQ in 2017. Applications close on 28 October 2016. Eligibility and selection criteria are available at <http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships/usq/john-ross-clancy-indigenous-student-book-bursary>.

Elite Athletes Bursary – USQ will offer a number of bursaries in 2017 to commencing or current students studying at USQ who are registered or have a registration in progress for the USQ Elite Athlete Program. The application due date is the 28 October 2016. See <http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships/usq/elite-athlete> for details.

Scholarship website – Visit this website at <http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships> for information about the full range of undergraduate scholarships available at USQ.

Scholarships for the hospitality industry

If you are interested in a future career as a hospitality or tourism manager, you are invited to apply for a scholarship at the William Blue College of Hospitality Management, Brisbane campus. Applications for 2017 are now open and will close on 22 September 2016. Read more at <http://www.williamblue.edu.au/apply-online/scholarships>.

TAFE Queensland 2017 Scholarships

TAFE Queensland offers Merit and Equity scholarships valued at \$5,000. Applications for the 2017 scholarships are now open and will close on 9 October 2016. For more information and to apply, visit <http://scholarships.tafeqld.edu.au/>.

Tips for Students Applying for Scholarships from a USQ student

Visit www.usq.edu.au/socialhub/uni-lifestyle/2015/10/elli-scholarship-applications for scholarship application tips from an experienced University of Southern Queensland (USQ) scholarship recipient.

Undergraduate scholarships at the University of Melbourne

Chancellor's Scholars Program – Recipients receive a Melbourne National Scholarship and a Melbourne Global Scholars Award, as well as a guaranteed entry pathway into a professional master's degree of their choice. See http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/high_achievers_programs/chancellors-scholars-program for details.

Melbourne National Scholarships – This scholarship provides a tuition fee-exempt Commonwealth Supported Place valued up to approximately \$32,000 and a \$5,000 allowance per year (\$10,000 for interstate students). Interstate students receive a travel allowance of \$700. See https://studentefirms.app.unimelb.edu.au/apex/f?p=153:2:0:::2:P2_ID:401 for details.

Melbourne Access Scholarships - These scholarships are awarded to commencing undergraduate students who gained admission to the university while having experienced difficult circumstances that impacted on their Year 12 result. 170 scholarships are awarded per year, including 10 scholarships with a tuition fee (HECS) exemption. Visit https://studentefirms.app.unimelb.edu.au/apex/f?p=153:2:0:::2:P2_ID:3 for more information.

Other scholarships – Visit

http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/scholarships/undergraduate_scholarships_for_domestic_students for information about other scholarships.

University of Queensland Merit Scholarships – Gatton Campus

These scholarships are awarded to Year 12 students who are applying for entry to Bachelor programs in Agricultural Science, Sustainable Agriculture, Equine Science, Veterinary Technology, Wildlife Science, Science (Animal and Veterinary Biosciences or Soil and Plant Biosciences majors) or Agribusiness (including Agribusiness dual programs) at Gatton campus in 2017. Applications close on 31 October 2016. Find out more at <https://scholarships.uq.edu.au/scholarship/uq-merit-scholarships-gatton-campus>.

University of Queensland School of Economics Scholarships

These scholarships are for outstanding Year 12 students wanting to study B Economics in 2017. There are scholarships for Year 12 domestic students, Year 12 onshore international students and Year 12 Indigenous students. Applications for domestic and international students close on 18 November 2016 and for Indigenous students on 28 November 2016. See <http://www.uq.edu.au/economics/scholarships-prizes-bursaries> for details.

University of the Sunshine Coast's (USC) Scholarships

USC offers scholarships on the basis of academic merit, equity (e.g. financial hardship), sporting achievement and community activity. You can apply for most scholarships on one online application. Scholarship applications for Semester one 2017 are currently open and will close on 30 November 2016. Visit the scholarship web page at <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/what-will-i-pay/scholarships> for details about the various scholarships available and to access the application.



Gap Year Program News

An alternative to the usual schoolies experience

Antipodeans Abroad invites school groups or individual students to join its Schoolies Unearthed program. This program offers an alternative to the usual schoolies experience. It gives groups of high school graduates the chance embark on an adventure to Borneo, Thailand or Indonesia during which they can explore infrequently visited parts of the world while helping others and contributing to a local community development project. Find out more at <http://www.antipodeans.com.au/Programs/Expeditions-and-Tours/Programs/Unearthed.htm>.

Camp America applications open for 2017

Camp America runs a US camp counsellor program. As a camp counsellor you will receive a 9-12 week paid summer experience in the USA. Explore this experience at <http://campamerica.com.au/>.

Gap Year program information events in September

Projects Abroad will hold a High School Projects webinar from 6 – 7 pm on Tuesday 27 September 2016. See <http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-info/information-events/webinars/high-school-projects/> for details.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange will hold an information evening from 7 – 9 pm on Tuesday 6 September 2016 at Ruth Fairfax House, 89 - 95 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. Visit <http://www.scce.com.au/information-sessions-coming-up/> for more information.

AFS Intercultural Programs Australia will hold an online information session at 7 pm on 13 September 2016. Find out how to register for this session at http://www.afs.org.au/news-and-events/event/?event_id=4116.

Youth for Understanding (YFU) Student Exchange Programs will hold an online information session from 6 – 7.30 pm on 20 September 2016. More information at <http://www.yfu.com.au/connect/information-sessions/>.

Career Counsellors USA (CCUSA) Australia will hold an information night from 6.30 – 7.30 pm on in Brisbane on Tuesday 13 September 2016 at George Williams Hotel, 317 - 325 George Street, Brisbane. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/brisbane-us-summer-camp-jobs-free-info-meeting-tickets-26630245782?ref=ecal> to register.

Lattitude Global Volunteering second-round applications open

The Lattitude program provides volunteer positions in a range of countries for school leavers. Positions include school assistant, teacher, sports coach, outdoor instructor, community worker, medical assistant and carer. It is offering a second round of applications for 2017. Visit <http://www.lattitude.org.au/> and scroll down to 'Available placements for 2017'.

The Endeavour Youth Scheme for 2017

This scheme provides young Australians with a unique, challenging and inspirational experience at sea on the Young Endeavour. In each voyage 24 young Australians (the youth crew) and nine specially trained Royal Australian Navy crew embark on an adventure at sea. Voyage berths are allocated by ballot. The ballot is now open for applications for voyages sailing in 2017. Find out more at <http://www.youngendeavour.gov.au/sailing-us>.

Occupational Information



Jobs in the Creative and Leisure Industries

The Future Now website at <http://www.futurenow.org.au/industry--careers.html> has information (flyers, videos, FAQs) on jobs in the following industries:

- Arts and Culture
- Hospitality
- Tourism and Events
- Information
- Media
- Printing
- Sport, Recreation and Racing
- Telecommunications.

Specialties in psychology

There are many specialties in psychology, including:

- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Community Psychology
- Counselling Psychology
- Educational and Developmental Psychology
- Forensic Psychology
- Health Psychology
- Organisational Psychology
- Sport and Exercise Psychology

Read about these specialist areas at <http://www.psychology.org.au/studentHQ/careers-in-psychology/>.

What is allied health?

According to Allied Health Professions Australia, allied health professionals include:

Audiologists, Chiropractors, Dietitians, Exercise Physiologists, Genetic Counsellors, Music Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Orthoptists, Orthotist/Prosthetists, Osteopaths, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists, Podiatrists, Perfusionists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Sonographers, Speech Pathologists, Audiometrists, Diabetes Educators and Diversional Therapists.

To find out more about specific allied health professions do a search on the myfuture website at <http://www.myfuture.edu.au/> (you can 'Sign up' for free or 'Log in' if you have previously visited this site) and visit the My Health Career website at <https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/> for videos on a number of health careers. You can also access information about many of these professions on the University of Queensland Health website at <http://health.uq.edu.au/undergraduate>.



New York Film Academy (NYFA) Australia Gold Coast Open Day

NYFA invites students interested in filmmaking or acting to its open day to be held from 1 - 3 pm on 17 September 2016 at Upper Coomera Centre, 90 Reserve Road, Upper Coomera. Students under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. RSVP via email rsvpgc@nyfa.edu. For more information about the Academy, visit <https://www.nyfa.edu.au/>.

QUT holiday tours

Students and their parents can take a guided tour of the Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses and hear from current Queensland University of Technology (QUT) students about university life from 9 am – 1 pm on 21 and 23 September 2016. For more information about the tours, visit <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/holiday-campus-tours>.

Overseas Studies

Study a university course in Japan

Nagoya University is recruiting Australian students. The undergraduate programs offered include automotive engineering, biological sciences, chemistry, fundamental and applied physics, social sciences and Japan-in-Asia cultural studies. The programs are taught in English so Japanese language proficiency is not required at the time of admission. For further information, visit <http://admissions.g30.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/>.

Study in New Zealand at the University of Otago

The University of Otago offers courses in commerce, health sciences (including medicine), humanities and sciences (see <http://www.otago.ac.nz/departments/> for details about the courses offered). Australian citizens and permanent residents pay the same domestic fees as New Zealand citizens. Find out more about entry for Australian students at <http://www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/australia/index.html>.



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

Access and Equity Schemes for entry to university

These schemes are to assist applicants who have experienced some form of educational disadvantage, in particular, financial difficulties. Some of these schemes provide bonus points to aid entry to courses and/or scholarships. Some of these schemes use QTAC's Education Access Scheme (EAS) as part of the application process.

Australian Catholic University- ACU Equity Bursaries are now open and will close on 6 January 2017. See <http://www.acu.edu.au/344856>.

CQUniversity – Go to <https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses-and-programs/scholarships> and click on 'Equity scholarships and financial support'. Note the due dates for applications.

Griffith University – Visit <https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships> and click on 'Uni Start Equity Scholarships'. Applications are open and close on 9 December 2016.

James Cook University – For information about the JCU Access Fund, visit <https://www.jcu.edu.au/scholarships-@-jcu/search/jcu-access-fund>.

Queensland University of Technology – Q-Step applicants are automatically considered for this scheme when they apply for QTAC's EAS, Financial category. QUT also has a number of equity scholarships, see <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-prizes/equity-scholarships-scheme>.

University of Queensland – The UQ-Link Access program is for applicants who have experienced educational disadvantage caused by financial hardship. Applicants are automatically considered for this scheme when they apply for QTAC's EAS, Financial category. See <https://scholarships.uq.edu.au/scholarship/uq-link-program>. Applications close on 30 November 2016.

University of the Sunshine Coast - Access USC is a special entry admission pathway for eligible applicants who have experienced educational disadvantage. Applications are through QTAC's EAS. See <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/how-do-i-apply/entry-pathways/access-usc-bonus-scheme>.

QTAC application course preference checklist

- **Have you submitted your QTAC application?** The on-time due date is 30 September 2016 (during the school holidays).
- **Did you use the 'desired – back-up - pathway' plan when organising your preferences?** Go to <http://www.qtac.edu.au/applications/apply-here/preferences> and scroll down to 'How to order your preferences' for information about this plan. Your sixth preference should be one that you have a very good chance of gaining entry to, given its previous cut-off and your results. You also

need to check the major offer round dates of your preferences and make changes if the dates differ (preferences need to be chronologically organised according to the major offer round). Courses you are offered in early offer rounds can be conditionally accepted and your preferences can be changed for future offer rounds if necessary.

- **Have you deleted all wasted courses?** Wasted courses include those that:
- You do not meet the entry requirements
- You would not do if you were offered them
- Are full fee or located in regional centres that you have not consulted your parents/guardians about
- Are too difficult or impossible to commute to given where you live
- Are very competitive and you list them below much less competitive courses.

Upgrading via tertiary study

The most popular upgrade pathways are:

Study one year of any bachelor degree course - Even if you scrape a pass (GPA of 4), when you apply to QTAC again you will be given a rank of 93 (which is comparable to OP 5 in 2015). If you do better than pass, you will get a higher rank. All Queensland universities except the University of Queensland (UQ) use a QTAC schedule to allocate these ranks. UQ has its own schedule which advantages its own students when they achieve above average results. See page 8 of UQ's Entry Options booklet at <https://www.uq.edu.au/study/docs/domestic/entry-options.pdf> for its 'Bachelor or higher level of study one full year or more' schedule.

Complete a diploma or advanced diploma at TAFE or another Registered Training Organisation –

When you apply again to QTAC you will be given a rank of 82 (comparable to OP 9 in 2015) for a pass grade of a diploma and 91 (comparable to OP 6 in 2015) for a pass grade of an advanced diploma. Some universities (e.g. QUT and Griffith) will give you a higher rank for completing these qualifications.

You should consider these upgrade pathways when selecting and organising your QTAC course preferences, especially you 5th and 6th 'Pathway' preferences. Find out more about upgrading through tertiary study at:

- QTAC website at <http://www.qtac.edu.au/applications/application-resources/upgrading-pathways>
- QUT website at <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/worried-you-wont-get-into-the-course-you-want>
- Linked In article by Sebastian Marx (from UQ Admissions) at <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/uni-upgrading-pathways-2016-qld-sebastian-marx>



Helpful study skills websites

- **Reachout**<http://au.reachout.com/How-to-study> - lists simple study tips and has a link to a goal setting fact sheet.
- **Youth Central**<http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/Studying+%26+Training/Studying+tips+%26+resources/Top+ten+study+tips/#.UjUkwX-RYzc> - top ten study tips.
- **Test Taking Tips**<http://www.testtakingtips.com/> - focus is on the knowledge and skills you need to be a successful test taker.
- **How to avoid Hubert face**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4IHCwY838s&feature=youtu.be> - a light-hearted three-minute video on de-stressing produced by Bond University students.



More questions from Year 12 students

Q - I have successfully completed two uni subjects through START QUT this year. How do I let QTAC know about this?

A - You need to put the subjects you are doing through START QUT in the 'Education and Experience' section of your QTAC online application. QUT will provide your results to QTAC.

Q-I am an international student completing Year 12 in Queensland. Should I apply for university courses through QTAC?

A - If you are currently completing Year 12 in Queensland or another Australian state, you can apply through QTAC for tertiary courses managed by QTAC. QTAC will provide your application information to the institutions to which you have applied. These institutions will make course offers directly to you. Because of this, you can receive more than one offer, usually earlier than offers given to domestic students. Most universities provide specific web pages for international students.

Q - I heard that the Certificate III I am doing at school could be used as part of my QTAC application. Is this true?

A - Yes. Additional qualifications may be assessed separately by QTAC when you apply for tertiary entry. These qualifications include Certificates III and IV; Music, dancing and speech and drama qualifications (e.g. AMEB completed 7th or 8th grade) or tertiary study (e.g. Diploma). Find out more about providing QTAC with this information on page 12 of the *QTAC Guide*.

Q - I have completed AMEB Speech and Drama Grade 7. Will this help my OP?

A - No. However, QTAC will allocate a Rank of 84 (comparable to OP 8 in 2015) for this qualification. This is a separate score to your OP. The rules of the institutions you are applying for will determine if this score or your OP will become the first order or primary rank for the courses you have applied for. In most cases, the best score will be used.

Q - I didn't study chemistry in Years 11 and 12. I want to do a course that has chemistry as a prerequisite. How can I pick up chemistry?

A - There are a few intensive bridging programs available that can help you meet subject prerequisites. Below is a selection. It is essential that you check that the university you want to get into accepts the bridging program you choose. Put the bridging course on your QTAC application in the 'Education and Experience' section. Your results will be sent to QTAC.

- Hubbard's School – Intensive courses in Maths B, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths A, and English
<http://www.hubbards.qld.edu.au/bridging-courses/>

- UQ College - Intensive Prerequisite Courses in Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry <http://www.uqcollege.edu.au/>
- Griffith University - Bridging courses in Maths A and B <https://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-sciences/future-students/bridging-short-courses>

Q - Does the University of Queensland Bonus Rank Scheme apply to the MD (Provisional Entry for School Leavers) course?

A - Yes. See <http://future-students.uq.edu.au/node/295> for more information about this.

Q - Does the Griffith University Bonus Rank Scheme apply to entry to its B Medical Science (MD Provisional Entry for School Leavers course)?

A - No. See the 'Programs excluded from the Scheme' section below the table at <https://www.griffith.edu.au/admissions/bonus-entry-options>.