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Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Can I start an apprenticeship or traineeship at school?

If you have a very good idea of what you want to do when you leave school (do work experience in the area to make sure), and your parents and school support you, it is possible to commence an apprenticeship or traineeship while you are still at school. These are called School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SATs).

The major advantage of a SAT is getting a head start on training for the job you want when you leave school while still being eligible to complete your secondary education. Normally, when you have a SAT you spend one or two days with your employer and the rest of the week at school. You will also be required to do a formal course through TAFE or another registered training organisation in addition to your on-the-job-training.

It is possible to complete a traineeship while you are still at school. Apprenticeships, however, normally take longer. School-based apprenticeships are usually converted to full-time apprenticeships when you leave school. Find out more about SATs on the following websites:

- <https://www.qld.gov.au/education/apprenticeships/school-based/> and <http://apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/school-based/index.html> (download SAT brochures on this site).

Organise an interview with your school's VET coordinator and/or guidance counsellor/officer to talk about SATs.

What might a driver's licence have to do with getting an apprenticeship?

In some trade areas employers are more likely to take on an apprentice who has a driver's licence. This is especially true in the construction industry where there are multiple and changing worksites. Depending on parents and/or public transport to get to the worksite may not be practical or even possible.

Students interested in an apprenticeship, especially in the construction industry, need to consider getting their licence when they become eligible (16 years of age) because they must have their learner's licence for 12 months and also need 100 hours of supervised driving before they can do their driver's test. Visit the Department of Transport and Main Roads website at <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/licensing/getting-a-licence.aspx> to find out more about obtaining a driver's licence.



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Brisbane Information Sessions

The following information sessions will be held in April 2016:

- Wednesday 6 April at 6 pm - ADF Careers at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane CBD
- Wednesday 20 April at 6 pm - ADF Careers at Norths Leagues and Services Club, 1347 Anzac Avenue, Kallangur
- Wednesday 27 April at 6 pm - Defence University Sponsorship at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane CBD.

To RSVP, call 13 19 01 or email cptqld@dfr.com.au.

Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Future Leaders Networking Evening

This event will be held at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 20 April 2016 at the Victoria Park Golf Complex, Herston Road, Brisbane. Year 11 and 12 students, with an interest in ADFA, and their parents are invited to this evening for special presentations about ADFA, panel discussions, networking and canapés. Interested students should RSVP (providing the names of attendees and any dietary requirements) by Monday 11 April 2016 to Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane at email cptqld@dfr.com.au.



Factsheets to help with your career exploration

A series of helpful career factsheets can be downloaded from the 'Get the Life You Love' website at <http://www.ncdw.com.au/index.php/Career-Factsheets.html>. Some of the factsheets available are:

- *Stepping stones to your future – getting started* - one-page resource providing a four-step process for making career decisions
- *Making the big decisions – choosing courses* - useful tips on selecting a course of study post-school
- *Five steps for getting your career started* – provides similar information to *Stepping stones* using a different format
- *Maximise your employment prospects while you study!* – helpful tips to prepare for employment while you complete your post-secondary study
- *Where do you want to be in 5 years?* – this worksheet takes you through a process to visualise your future.

There are many more resources on this site that you might find helpful when exploring your options for the future.

Jobs related to school subjects

An early step in career exploration is to develop a list of job ideas. One way to begin this process is to think about the school subjects you most enjoy. You can then use a resource called the 'Bullseye Posters' to find jobs that are related to these subjects. There are over 30 Bullseye Posters based on subjects taught in secondary schools. Each poster clusters jobs into four levels depending on the qualifications required. Access the Bullseye Posters from the myfuture website at <http://myfuture.edu.au/bullseyes>. You can also download a booklet, *School subjects you like and what they can lead to*, that includes the Bullseye Posters, at <https://docs.education.gov.au/documents/school-subjects-you-jobs-they-can-lead>.

Competitions

2016 Young ICT Explorers competition

Young ICT Explorers is a competition in which school students submit an information and communication technologies (ICT) related project. Teams of up to four students can register for this competition through their school by 31 May 2016. Students have until 24 June 2016 to develop and submit their projects. Projects could include a mobile phone application, computer game, website, digital art, robot, short film or animation. The best teams will be invited to the judging event at the University of Queensland or James Cook University later in the year. Visit <http://www.youngictexplorers.net.au/#> for details. Ask one of your teachers to register your school if you want to participate in this competition.

Lord Mayor's Young Environmental Photographer of the Year Awards 2016

The 2016 competition will focus on Brisbane's waterways and how we utilise this precious resource. This Green Heart Schools competition challenges school students to capture unique and creative images, which show the beauty and value of water in our river city. Entries open Monday 18 April 2016 and close on Sunday 8 May 2016. Visit <http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/environment-waste/be-clean-green-brisbane/green-schools> (click on 'School events and competitions') for details.

Secondary Schools Public Speaking Competition 2016

This competition requires students to speak on a subject of their choice inspired by a broad nominated topic. There are three competition categories – Senior (Years 11 and 12), Intermediate (Years 9 and 10) and Junior (Years 7 and 8). The Senior topic for 2016 is 'Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep balance, you must keep moving'. For more information and to nominate online, visit <http://www.esu.org.au/614-2/>.

The 2016 ATOM Awards for film and media excellence

The ATOM (Australian Teachers of Media) Awards are for achievement in film and media. There are several award categories for secondary students, including documentary, animation, fiction and music videos. Visit <http://atomawards.org/about/> for details. Entries close on Friday 3 June 2016.

Writing competition for students

Applications are open for the Write4Fun schools writing competition for 2016. Students can submit a poem or short story to win prizes. For more information about the competition, visit <http://atomawards.org/>. The application due date is 3 June 2016.



2016 QCS Test special provision

Special provision is available to students who are affected by a medical condition, an impairment or exceptional circumstances that may act as a barrier to their access to the test or to their demonstration of achievement in the test. Applications are submitted to the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority by your school. If you feel that you meet the above criteria, contact your school guidance officer/counsellor. More information is available at <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/qcs-test/special-provision>.

Business or Commerce degree - What's the difference?

Institutions can differ in what they call their business related degrees. For example, the Queensland University of Technology includes all of its business specialisations/majors in its B Business. Griffith University and the University of Queensland offer both a business degree and a commerce degree with different specialisations/majors in each degree. When researching business/commerce degrees, it is important to identify the specialisations or majors offered as this may influence the types of jobs you can apply for immediately after you graduate.

According to Chartered Accountants of Australia and New Zealand (CA) 'business' focuses on how individual organisations operate, while 'commerce' focuses more on the wider commercial and economic environment. You can explore this topic further on the CA website at <http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/Students/News-and-updates/High-school/Business-or-commerce-degree.aspx>.

Find a tertiary course anywhere in Australia

The following websites can help you search for tertiary level courses at institutions (including public universities, TAFE institutes and private institutions) throughout Australia.

- **QILT** <https://www.qilt.edu.au/> - Users of the site can search for courses and institutions. They can develop a short list of courses and institutions that interest them and do a comparison.
- **Good Universities Guide** <http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/> - On this site you can search for courses, institutions, careers and scholarships. You can also compare these options through the university ratings section on the site.

- **myfuture**<http://www.myfuture.edu.au> (Sign in if this is the first time you have used this site) - This is Australia's career information service. Queensland residents have free access to this site. Information about occupations, courses, career decision-making, job seeking skills and much more is available on this website.
- **Australian Universities.com.au**<http://www.australianuniversities.com.au/directory/queensland-universities/>. This site has links to Queensland institutions and specific links for International students.

Griffith University events

Careers in Commerce - This is a mini-conference for Year 11 and 12 students. It will introduce students to a range of careers available for commerce and business graduates in accounting, economics, business law, finance and financial planning. The event will be held on Friday 15 July 2016 at the Nathan campus. Talk to your business teacher or guidance officer/counsellor if you would like to attend this day as registrations are made through your school. Details at <https://www.griffith.edu.au/business-government/griffith-business-school/high-school-community-programs/careers-in-commerce>.

Griffith ENG – This is a two-stage program. Stage one, 'A Taste of Engineering', is offered in Semester 2 to selected Year 11 students interested in an engineering career. Students learn about what engineers do. Students who successfully complete Stage one and meet the admissions criteria are eligible to proceed to Stage two in Semester 1 of Year 12. During this stage, students will attend lectures and complete the end of program examination. Visit <https://www.griffith.edu.au/guidance-officers-teachers/community-and-school-programs> (click on 'Griffith Eng') for details. Applications open on Monday 18 April and close on Friday 29 July 2016.

Interested in how maths and science can be used in 'real' life?

Learn how to use math and science to solve everyday problems and better prepare you to continue studying science in high school and beyond, through the University of Queensland's edX course 'Question Everything: Scientific Thinking in Real Life'. See <https://www.edx.org/course/question-everything-scientific-thinking-uqx-query101x#.Vt-ZwMwFkPA> for more information and to enrol. The course commences on 12 July 2016.

Interstate Student and Family Day at the University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne is holding an information day for interstate students and their families on Thursday, 12 April 2016 (the same event will be held on 11 April, but is booked out). This event is for interstate students who are thinking of attending the University of Melbourne to study an undergraduate degree. There will be presentations about the university, undergraduate degrees and graduate pathways, scholarships, student services, accommodation options and financial assistance. Visit

http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria (scroll down to 12 April) for details and to register to attend.

Medical Administration Training (MAT)

MAT offers accredited training for employment in the health industry through face-to-face and online courses such as:

- Certificate III Business Administration (Medical)
- Certificate III Health Administration
- Medical Reception Course
- Medical Terminology Course

MAT is an approved supplier for Certificate III Guarantee funding. Visit <http://www.medtrain.com.au/> for more information.

Physiotherapy courses in Queensland

The following courses are offered at universities in Queensland. Prerequisites and the course cut-offs for the **14 January 2016** offer round (obtained from the QTAC website) are included.

- **Australian Catholic University** - B Physiotherapy - English and one of Chemistry, Biology or Physics; OP 2*; see <http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/640276>
- **Bond University** – B Exercise and Sports (this course provides a pathway to Bond’s Doctor of Physiotherapy) – English, Maths B; multiple criteria are used in selection (not just OP); see <https://bond.edu.au/program/doctor-physiotherapy>
- **CQUniversity** (Bundaberg and Rockhampton campuses) – B Physiotherapy (Honours) - English and a science subject (Chemistry, Biology or Physics); OP 3 at Bundaberg campus and OP 5 at Rockhampton campus; see <https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses-and-programs/study-areas/health/undergraduate/bachelor-of-physiotherapy>
- **Griffith University** (Gold Coast campus) - B Exercise Science (Pre-Physiotherapy)/Master of Physiotherapy – English and one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths B; OP 3*; see <https://www148.griffith.edu.au/programs-courses/Program/OverviewAndFees?ProgramCode=1344>
- **James Cook University** – B Physiotherapy – English, Maths B and one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Health Education or Physical Education and a JCU Application Form; multiple criteria was used in the selection process; see <https://www.jcu.edu.au/courses-and-study/courses/bachelor-of-physiotherapy>
- **University of Queensland** - B Physiotherapy (Honours) - English and one of Biology; Chemistry or Physics; OP 1*; see http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad_prog=2021

In addition to Bond University and Griffith University, the University of Queensland has a postgraduate program for physiotherapy. See www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad_prog=5267.

*not every applicant with this OP was given an offer.

Short courses in design

The Australian Institute of Creative Design, with campuses on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane, offers accredited advanced diploma, diploma and certificate courses in interior design, fashion design, fashion business, styling, photography, visual arts, textile design, make-up and beauty therapy. It also offers short courses on evenings, weekends and during some school holidays. Go to <http://www.aicdedu.com.au/> and click on 'Holiday courses' for more information.

Snippets from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

QUT for international students - The International Students website at <https://www.qut.edu.au/international> provides international students with information about applying for courses at QUT.

Help make a decision webpage – This page takes you through a number of steps to develop a shortlist of possible QUT courses that will suit your interests. The page has a link to 'Match My Skills', a quiz that looks at your interests and skills and matches these with QUT courses. Visit <http://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/help-making-a-decision> to access this webpage.

Real Choices 2017 – This publication can be accessed at <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/brochures> (scroll down to the publication). It includes information about QUT courses, support services, accommodation, university life, QUT campuses, overseas exchanges, opportunities for real world learning and much more.

New Psychology and Counselling Clinic at Caboolture campus – The clinic will be staffed by supervised post-graduate psychology students who are in their fifth year of study. Read more at <https://www.qut.edu.au/news/news?news-id=102330>.

The Queensland Junior Physics Olympiad (JPhO)

JPhO is a University of Queensland (UQ) five-day physics program for Year 10 students interested in science and mathematics. It will be held from 27 June – 1 July 2016. If you would like to increase your knowledge of physics through problem solving activities and participation in forums with UQ researchers, find out more at <http://www.smp.uq.edu.au/jpho>. Applications close on 26 April 2016.

The USQ McGregor Winter School for Arts enthusiasts

The McGregor Schools are held in January, July and September each year at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ), Toowoomba Campus. These schools are residential art retreats where participants learn and create alongside Australia's finest musicians, artists and artisans. This year's winter school will be held from 4 – 8 July 2016. Enrolments are now open and will close on 13 May 2016 (a late fee is imposed for enrolments after this date). See <http://artsworx.usq.edu.au/events/winter-2016/> for more information.

University Experience at CQUniversity (CQU) in April

University Experience is a free, one-day, on-campus event providing Year 12 students an opportunity to explore their post school study options at CQU. University Experience days will be held on:

- 12 April 2016, from 9.30 am – 1.45 pm at CQU Brisbane campus
- 15 April 2016, from 9 am – 2 pm at CQU Bundaberg campus
- 21 April 2016, from 9.30 am – 1.45 pm at CQU Noosa campus

Visit <https://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar> (scroll to the applicable date) for details and to register to attend.

University of Queensland (UQ) – some highlights

UQ Advantage Award – This program provides opportunities for undergraduate students to broaden their UQ experience by participating in activities from three core areas: Global and cultural engagement; Research and entrepreneurship; Social responsibility and leadership. Read more at <http://www.uq.edu.au/advantage-award/about-the-award>.

UQ apps - UQ students have access to a number of useful apps, including:

- UQ Checklist for new students
- UQ Timetable Planner to help students plan their semester timetable
- UQnav helps students find where things are on UQ campuses
- UQ International Student Guide

Find out more at <http://www.uq.edu.au/appcentral>.

UQ videos - View the online videos for school leavers at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbnFs5ypk_Kn4zORg_biMcltQvK3Jq-74.

Topics include: Transitioning to uni, Tips on getting into UQ, Choosing what to study, and Tips on accommodation.

UQ's current high school student website - On this site at <https://future-students.uq.edu.au/high-school> you can find out about the special entry programs, courses, scholarships and much more.

University of Queensland (UQ) Robotics Workshops during the school holidays

The Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology at UQ will offer the following workshops during the coming school holiday period.

- 29 March 2016 – Introduction to Robotics for students in Years 7- 12 –
- 31 March 2016 - UQ Robogals Workshop - Robotics Workshop for Girls in Years 5 - 12

Find out more at <http://www.eait.uq.edu.au/robotics-ict>.

University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Murri Study Options Evening

This event will be held from 5 – 7 pm on 13 April 2016 at the Springfield campus. This is an informal evening to provide you with an opportunity to:

- meet some of the USQ mob including Career Development Practitioners, current staff and students
- find out how uni can help your future
- have your questions answered
- check out our USQ Springfield campus
- network with others who are considering study at university.

Visit <http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2016/04/murri-study-options-evening> for more information and to register to attend.

What is new at the Australian Catholic University (ACU)?

Did you know? – ACU has seven campuses in Australia and a centre in Rome. It is the largest Catholic university in the English-speaking world. Its Brisbane campus has approximately 5,600 students and is located at Nudgee. This campus offers degree courses in Allied Health (Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology and Physiotherapy), Arts, Creative Arts, Education, Business/Commerce, Information Technology, Philosophy, Theology, Nursing, Science, Psychology, Counselling, Social Work, Paramedicine, Biomedical Science, Midwifery, Exercise Science and various dual degree options.

2017 Undergraduate Course Guide – This booklet can be downloaded from the ACU website at <http://www.acu.edu.au/152444>. It provides information on the courses offered at ACU, entry pathways, the ACU Core curriculum, scholarships, exchange programs and university life at ACU.

Early Achievers' Program – This program is open to school leavers. It considers the contribution you have made to your community through your school, work place, local community organisation, cultural and/or religious group, not just your OP. Applications for this program open on 8 August 2016. Updated information about this program will be on the ACU website shortly.

Ask ACU – You can access this function on the ACU home page at <http://www.acu.edu.au/>. Just enter your question or keywords and you'll get your answer.

Disabilities

Employment assistance through Ostara Australia

Ostara Australia offers employment services to assist people disadvantaged through age, health, disability or cultural background with finding and keeping sustainable employment. Visit the website at <http://www.ostara.org.au/index.php> to learn more about this organisation and the services it offers.

Employment

Five steps to employment

The following steps are adapted from *How to Find Work – In the 21st Century* by Ron McGowan. They were written for university graduates, but could be helpful for graduating Year 12 students.

1. Review your online presence - Most employers today check out applicants on the Internet and social media sites. What they find out about you will either increase your chances of being hired, or eliminate you. Recruiters, employers and hiring managers say that over 30 % of the applicants they review are rejected because of what they found out about them online with Facebook and YouTube postings as the main sources for rejection.

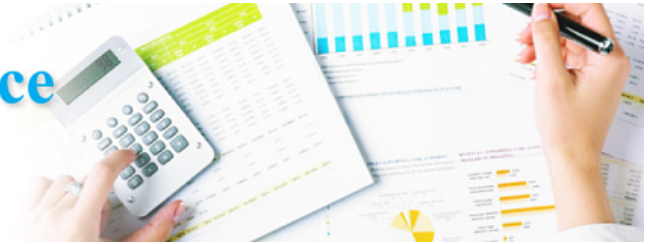
2. Don't rely on advertised positions - One of the biggest mistakes job seekers make is to focus on advertised positions. The vast majority of employment opportunities today are never advertised and learning how to find them is a process that involves several skills, including developing your social networks and letting them know you are looking for a job.

3. Focus on small companies - Most employment opportunities are to be found in small companies, which include self-employed people who have more work than they can handle. Increase your chances of being hired by emphasising that you're open to part-time, temporary, and contract work.

4. Learn how to sell yourself - Many job seekers are very uncomfortable with this area but it's a skill you must develop. The good news is anyone can learn how to do it. You'll be pleasantly surprised at how effectively you can sell yourself once you understand what you have to offer an employer.

5. Create a LinkedIn Account - Learn as much as you can about LinkedIn before you do this. Spend as much time creating your LinkedIn account as you would spend when developing your resume. Make sure the information on both of them is consistent since recruiters, employers and hiring managers will be looking at both of them. Keep your account up to date as you gain more experience and pick up new skills.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Bursaries for female students

The National Council of Women of Queensland has launched its 2016 bursary program for female students. A few of the bursaries are for secondary students. These include:

- Elsie Byth Bursary for Year 12 students planning to study teaching at the completion of Year 12
- NCWQ Bursary for a young woman from a refugee background.

Visit <http://ncwq.org.au/bursaries> for more information and an application form. Applications close on 4 April 2016.

Scholarships for female engineering students

Female Year 12 students interested in studying engineering at the University of Queensland next year should be aware of the following scholarships they can apply for once they gain entry to the course in 2017.

- Leeanne Bond Scholarship for Women in Engineering
- WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff Scholarship for Women in Engineering
- Kathy Hirschfeld Scholarship for Women in Engineering

Find out more at <http://www.eait.uq.edu.au/future-scholarships>.

Indigenous

Defence Indigenous University Support Program

The purpose of this program is to provide support to Indigenous Australians who are studying an undergraduate degree, or an enabling program that leads to an undergraduate degree, in a field that contributes to Defence capability. Find out more about the program at <http://theaspirationinitiative.com.au/indigenous-scholarships/2549-defence-indigenous-sponsorships>.

While it is too soon for Year 12 students to apply for this program, it is important that interested students are aware of it. Read about the career goals of a Muruwari and Kullili man, Matthew Connolly, who is a recipient of this support program at <http://theaspirationinitiative.com.au/community/news>.

Indigenous Accountants Australia website

Indigenous Accountants Australia is a combined network of the major accounting bodies in Australia - CPA Australia and the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. Together they work with some of the major employers in the business world to promote accounting as a profession and offer support to all Indigenous students undertaking business, finance and accounting studies. To find out more, visit <http://indigenousaccountants.com.au/>.



Endeavour College of Natural Health Open Day

The Endeavour College offers accredited tertiary and VET courses in natural medicine. Areas covered include acupuncture, homeopathy, massage, allied health, musculoskeletal therapy, naturopathy and nutritional medicine. The college will hold an Open Day from 10 am – 12.30 pm on Saturday 16 April 2016 at its Brisbane campus. See <https://www.naturalhealthopenday.com.au/> for more information and to register to attend.

SAE Qantm Information Night at the Brisbane campus

If you are creative and interested in Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games or Web development, this event will provide you with an opportunity to check out the courses in these fields offered at SAE Qantm. It will be held from 6 – 8 pm on Thursday 21 April 2016. To find out more and to register to attend, visit <https://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/brisbane-campus-info-night-21-april-2016/>.

Overseas Studies

USA sports scholarships

Many universities and colleges in the USA offer sports scholarships to students from other countries. To be considered for these scholarships you have to be able to demonstrate your sporting and academic potential. The process involved in researching available scholarships and applying for them is quite complex. There are several organisations that offer a service to help you through the process. The following are two such organisations.

- **Study and Play in the USA** (previously CB Sports) – This organisation has had over a decade of experience helping young Australians gain sports scholarships in the USA. During this time, it has established regular contact with head coaches in a wide range of sports across the US. Visit the website at <https://www.studyandplayusa.com.au/>.
- **Aus Recruit** – This organisation is a scholarship placement agency that represents talented student-athletes interested in obtaining sport scholarships to US universities. It has been operating since 2002. Read about the services provided by Aus Recruit at <http://www.ausrecruit.com/>.

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