Press F9 to update table of contents.
Accounting/Commerce/IT cadetships

Several organisations offer cadetships or traineeships for Year 12 students interested in accounting, commerce and information technology. Cadetships usually involve work and study, so you can be earning an income and gaining practical experience while you complete your university course. Year 12 students interested in cadetships in 2016 should start looking for them early in the year.


You could also investigate the cadetship/trainee programs offered by organisations such as:

- Pricewaterhouse Coopers
  http://www.pwc.com.au/careers/student/programs/trainee/index.htm (has a trainee program Year 12 students can apply for)
- Prosperity Advisers Group


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 some work experience in the area to make sure), and your parents and school approve, 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 receive a Queensland Certificate of Education at the end of Year 12. 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 at [http://apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/school-based/index.html](http://apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/school-based/index.html). You can download helpful SAT brochures on this site. Also, you can organise an interview with your school’s VET coordinator or guidance counsellor/officer to talk about SATs.
Defence Jobs website

This site at http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/ is your first port of call for initial information about jobs with the Australian Army, Navy and Air Force. Use the site to answer the following questions.

Am I eligible to join? What is the application process?

Check out the online Recruitment Centre at http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/recruitmentCentre/canIJoin/default.aspx.

What jobs can females apply for in the Australian Defence Force?


What Defence jobs would suit me?

Use the Job Finder tool, accessed from the home page, to find a job that suits you, given your interests and abilities.

How can I experience what it is like before I join?

- Enrol in an online seven-day course that simulates 18 months of training at the Royal Military College – Duntroon. See http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/campaigns/rmc-typical-day/.
- Join the Australian Army for a year to see what it is like. See http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/army/one-year-roles/overview.aspx.

For questions you can’t find answers to on this website, contact the Defence Jobs help line at 13 19 01. Also, it is good to know that the Defence Recruitment Team attends career markets and expos throughout the year.
Factsheets to help with your career exploration


- **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.
2015 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 26 June 2015. Students have until 21 July 2015 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 later in the year. Visit [http://www.youngictexplorers.net.au/](http://www.youngictexplorers.net.au/) for details. Ask one of your teachers to register your school if you want to participate in this competition.

The 2015 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/2015-entry-system/](http://atomawards.org/2015-entry-system/) for details. Entries close on Friday 5 June 2015.

Writing competition for students

Applications are open for the Write4Fun schools writing competition for 2015. Students can submit a poem or short story to win prizes. For more information about the competition, visit [http://www.write4fun.net/](http://www.write4fun.net/). The application due date is 29 March 2015.
Business or Commerce degree - What’s the difference?

Institutions can differ in what they call their business/commerce degrees. For example, the Queensland University of Technology includes all of its business/commerce specialisations/majors in its B Business. Griffith University and the University of Queensland offer both B Business/B Business Management and B Commerce 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.

**My University** [http://myuniversity.gov.au/](http://myuniversity.gov.au/) - This site has course and university search functions. For each university, you can find information on the number of students and the number of graduates employed. The site also has a function that allows you to compare universities and courses.


**myfuture** [http://www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au) (click on ‘I want to find a course’ on the home page) - This is Australia’s career information service. Information about occupations, courses, career decision-making, job seeking skills and much more is available on this website.
In addition to applying through QTAC for tertiary courses, Queensland students can apply for courses in other states. All states except Tasmania use a tertiary admissions centre like QTAC. All of the applications are online.

- **New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory** - Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) [http://www.uac.edu.au/](http://www.uac.edu.au/)
- **South Australia and the Northern Territory** - South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) [http://www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au)
- **Tasmania** - Apply directly to the University of Tasmania [http://www.utas.edu.au/](http://www.utas.edu.au/)
- **Victoria** - Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) [http://www.vtac.edu.au/](http://www.vtac.edu.au/)
- **Western Australia** - Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) [http://www.tisc.edu.au/](http://www.tisc.edu.au/).

**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, 9 April 2014. This event is for interstate students and their families who are thinking of coming to 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](http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria) for details and to register to attend.

**Love everything about flying? – Check out the Australian Youth Aerospace Forum (AYAF)**

AYAF is an annual five-day conference for students in Years 11 and 12 who are interested in investigating careers and pathways in the aerospace industry (e.g. Aerospace engineering, Aerospace trades, Military aerospace and Pilot Training). In 2015 the AYAF will be run during the mid-year school holidays from 29 June – 3 July 2015. It will be hosted at The University of Queensland, with day trips to other universities and industry locations. Applications open on the 29 March, with an early bird cost of $199. Early bird applications close on the 29 April. The standard application cost is $249, which will close on the 29 May 2015. This cost includes all meals, accommodation and activities for the week. A subsidy can be organised for students travelling long distances. The full details will be available shortly at [http://ayaa.com.au/AYAF-Bris/](http://ayaa.com.au/AYAF-Bris/).

**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 in Aged Care/Certificate III in Home & Community Care (double qualification)
• Certificate IV Aged Care Work
• Certificate III Health Administration
• Certificate IV Health Supervision
• Medical Reception Course
• Medical Terminology Course


Notes from CQUniversity (CQU)

Open Days - CQU will hold the following open days at its Queensland campuses in 2015. For more information, visit http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar.

• 9 August - CQU, Bundaberg campus
• 15 August - CQU, Mackay campus
• 20 August - CQU, Brisbane campus
• 20 August - CQU, Noosa campus
• 23 August - CQU, Rockhampton campus
• 29 August - CQU, Cairns campus
• 29 August - CQU, Townsville campus
• 6 September - CQU, Gladstone campus


Physiotherapy courses in Queensland

The following courses are offered at universities in Queensland. Prerequisites and the course cut-offs for the 15 January 2015 offer round 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 is used in selection (not just OP); see https://bond.edu.au/program/doctor-physiotherapy
• CQUUniversity (Bundaberg and Rockhampton campuses) – B Physiotherapy (Honours) - English and one of Chemistry, Biology or Physics: OP 8 at Bundaberg campus and OP 6 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 2; 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 http://www-public.jcu.edu.au/courses/health/index.htm

- **University of Queensland** - B Physiotherapy (Honours) - English and one of Biology; Chemistry or Physics; OP 2# (went to Field Positions); 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.

**Selected due dates and events for March and April 2015**

**March**

19 - University of Southern Queensland, Ipswich campus Careers Day students in Years 7 – 10 http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2015/03/usq-careers-day

20 - The Tuckwell Scholarship Stage 1 applications close http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/


25 - Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP) information session http://www.acap.edu.au/

25 - InspireU Law Camp for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students applications close http://www.atsis.uq.edu.au/inspireu

25 - University of the Sunshine Coast Headstart information evening at the Sippy Downs campus http://www.usc.edu.au/connect/events

26 - University of the Sunshine Coast Headstart information evening at the Gympie campus http://www.usc.edu.au/connect/events

28 - 2015 Chrysalis International Young Leaders Conference application due date http://chrysalisyoungleaders.org/


**April**

1 - Bond University scholarship applications for Australian Year 12 students open http://bond.edu.au/study-at-bond/scholarships/important-dates/index.htm


**Short courses at Endeavour College of Natural Health**

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. See [http://www.endeavour.edu.au/](http://www.endeavour.edu.au/) for information about these courses. The college also offers a number of short courses, including the following online courses:

- Beating colds and flu naturally
- Foundation course in complementary medicines
- Natural stress reduction.


**Snippets from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)**

**New entry requirements for education degrees** - From 2016 B Education courses will have prerequisite subjects instead of assumed knowledge requirements for entry. All applicants must have a minimum of Sound Achievement in Senior English and Mathematics (A, B or C). In addition, applicants for primary and early childhood programs must have a minimum of Sound Achievement in an Authority science subject (e.g. Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Marine Science, Marine Studies, Physics or Science21). Visit [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/study-areas/education-courses#undergraduate](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/study-areas/education-courses#undergraduate) for information about QUT's undergraduate education programs.

**Parent information seminars** - QUT invites current senior students and their parents to these seminars to find out about studying at QUT. The seminars will be held on 6 May 2015 at the Gardens Point campus and on 20 May 2015 at the Caboolture campus. More information about these events can be accessed at [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/parent-information-seminar](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/parent-information-seminar).

**QUT for international students** - The ‘Applying as an international student studying Year 12 in Australia’ website at [https://www.qut.edu.au/international](https://www.qut.edu.au/international) provides international students with information about applying for courses at QUT.
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 29 June – 3 July 2015. 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 1 May 2015.

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 29 June – 3 July 2015. Enrolments are now open and will close on 12 June 2015 (enrolment before this date is recommended). See http://artsworx.com.au/events/mcgregor-winter-2015/ for more information.

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 four categories: Global and cultural engagement; Research and entrepreneurship; Social responsibility and leadership; the Symposium series. Read more at http://www.uq.edu.au/undergraduate/advantage-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 that helps students find where things are on UQ campuses

Visit UQ’s App Central at http://www.uq.edu.au/appcentral/?category=&device=android to find out more.

**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 for your QTAC application, choosing what to study, accommodation and transport options.

**UQ’s current high school student website** - On this site at http://www.uq.edu.au/study/index.html?page=13018 you can find out about the UQ Bonus rank scheme, upcoming events, scholarships and much more. You can also register to receive the Student Update Newsletter.

**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.

- 8 April 2015 - UQ Robotics Holiday Workshops for students in Years 7-12 - Introduction to Robotics
- 9 April 2015 - UQ Robogals Workshop - Robotics Workshop for Girls


**University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Study Options Evening**

This event will be held from 5 – 7 pm on 16 April 2015 at the Springfield campus. It will provide an opportunity to learn more about the courses offered at USQ and the pathways to get there. Find out more at [http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2015/04/usq-study-options-evening-springfield](http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2015/04/usq-study-options-evening-springfield). An RSVP is required.

**What is new at the Australian Catholic University (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 10 August 2015 and close on 19 October 2015. You can download a 2015 brochure at [http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/early_entry](http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/early_entry).

**Ask ACU** – You can access this function on the ACU home page at [http://www.acu.edu.au/](http://www.acu.edu.au/). Just enter your question or keywords and you’ll get your answer.

**Double degrees are a great way to boost career options** – In 2016, ACU is planning to offer the following double degrees at its Brisbane campus:

- B Teaching/B of Exercise Science
- B Biomedical Science/B Business Administration
- B Biomedical Science/B Applied Public Health

**Change of name** – The B Exercise and Health Science will be replaced by the new B Physical Activity and Health in 2016.

Bursaries for female students

The National Council of Women of Queensland has launched its 2015 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.


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 2016.

- Parsons Brinckerhoff Scholarship for Women in Engineering
- Leeanne Bond Scholarship for Women in Engineering


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. CB Sports Network is one of these organisations.

CB Sports 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 [http://www.cbsports.com.au/](http://www.cbsports.com.au/).
Gap Medics

If you are interested in a career in health, a Gap Medics hospital work experience placement in an overseas country might be a great way of testing your career aspirations. Gap Medics programs combine healthcare experience with a travel experience. Check out the options at http://www.gapmedics.co.uk/.

Gap year program due dates and information sessions for March and April 2015

March

24 - Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Information Session in Brisbane

31 - Antipodeans Abroad GapBreak Information Night in Brisbane

April

4 - Latitude Global Volunteering Online Information Session – Volunteering in Canada

9 - Tutors Worldwide applications for 2016 placements close
http://www.tutorsworldwide.org/

9 – LetzLive’s UK Gap Year applications close for 2016 placements
http://www.letzlive.org/#luk-gap-year/c1nax

14 - Projects Abroad Online Information Session – All projects and destinations

22 - Latitude Global Volunteering Online Information Session – Volunteering in the UK

22 – Antipodeans Abroad GapBreak Online Information Night
28 - Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Information Session in Brisbane

29 - Lattitude Global Volunteering Online Information Session – Lattitude introduction: how it all works, what’s involved, and a general overview of all country and role options

29 - World Education Program Australia (WEP) Information Evening at Kenmore, Brisbane
http://wep.org.au/info/information-evenings

30 - Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Information Session in Cairns

**Tutors Worldwide**

Tutors Worldwide recruits gap tutors for a number of schools in the United Kingdom. Specific information about this program and the application process can be found at
http://www.tutorsworldwide.org/. It is important to note that the closing date for applications for 2016 is 9 April 2015.
National Youth Week

National Youth Week (NYW) will be held from 10 – 19 April in 2015. It is the largest celebration of young people aged 12 - 25 in Australia. The theme this year is ‘It starts with us’. To get involved:

- Visit the national website at https://youthweek.com/
- Go to https://youthweek.com/queensland to find NYW activities in Queensland.

Follow events on Twitter at https://twitter.com/nywAU.
Care Careers

If you are interested in a future job caring for people in the disability, aged care and community sector, visit the Care Careers website at http://www.carecareers.com.au/. On this site you can start with a career quiz to find out which caring career would suit you. You can then explore the range of jobs in this career area and the pathways to gain entry. The website also has career advice and tips.

Career brochures for jobs in the financial, administrative and professional services sector

The FAPSTC website at http://fapstc.org.au/ (click on ‘Careers info’ and ‘Careers videos’) has brochures and videos for jobs in the finance, property and real estate, insurance, cleaning, pest management and security industries. The brochures contain job titles for each area, job descriptions, personal attributes required, qualifications and sources of further information.

Careers in the automotive industry

Recent media reports give the impression that the future of jobs in the automotive industry in Australia is very grim. While this might be the case for some automotive manufacturing jobs, it is not the whole picture. The automotive industry will continue to offer a broad and diverse range of jobs, including:

- Heavy Vehicle Mechanical Technician
- Diesel Engine Technician
- Automotive Electrical Technician
- Motorcycle Technician
- Marine Technician
- Outdoor Power Equipment Technician
- Automotive Alternative Fuel Technician
- Forklift Technician
- Motorsport Technician
- Bicycle Technician
- Automotive Sales
- Automotive Administration.
Find out more about opportunities in the automotive industry on the MAAP My Future website at [http://maapmyfuture.com.au/](http://maapmyfuture.com.au/). The site has a ‘Match me with a career in automotive’ questionnaire, as well as case studies and information on apprenticeships.

**Explore the range of jobs in the resource industry**

In the past it was perceived to be reasonably easy to find work in the resources sector. This still may be so in limited cases today but not the general rule. However, the resources sector is a highly diverse, technical and skilled industry that still has jobs for those who understand the entry points and pathways for each role.

The ‘People for the Future’ website at [http://peopleforthefuture.com.au/](http://peopleforthefuture.com.au/) is a useful starting point for learning about the various entry points and pathways in the resource industry. The site has information on jobs, training qualifications and case studies. There is also an interactive Career Finder tool to help you get started.

**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/](http://indigenousaccountants.com.au/).

**Interested in a creative career?**

One important way to explore a creative career is to find out how other people have entered this career field. The Queensland University of Technology’s Art/work at [http://www.artmuseum.qut.edu.au/schools/artwork.jsp](http://www.artmuseum.qut.edu.au/schools/artwork.jsp) provides a series of webisodes following the career and study pathways of seven individuals working across varied roles in the visual arts sector - curator, arts worker, artist, gallerist, art installer, educator, and conservator.

**What is ICT?**

How do you communicate with your friends – SMS, Twitter, Google +, Instagram, Snapchat, Pandora, Facebook? When you use any of these channels of communication, you are using Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

As tomorrow’s ICT professional you are likely to be working with technologies that do not exist yet. You will have your choice of industry – banking and finance, health, insurance, defence, manufacturing, telecommunications, agriculture, environment, hospitality – you name it. Here are a few examples of the careers in the many ICT pathways available.

- The Dreamer – Designer, Developer, Programmer, Systems Analyst
• The Team Player - Account Manager, Support Technician, Computer Engineer
• The Inventor – Network Administrator, ICT Architect, ICT Consultant, Programmer
• The Constructor – Database Coordinator, Network Administrator, Security Analyst
• The Big Thinker – Business Systems Planner, ICT Trainer, Project Manager

You can find this information and much more on the I Choose Technology website at http://www.ichoosetechnology.com.au/. The site provides information about the ICT industry in Australia, ICT jobs and salaries, courses, and the profiles of people with ICT jobs.
Bond University Open Day

Bond will hold its open day from 2 – 8 pm on Saturday 25 July 2015. Find out more at http://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/see-yourself/open-day. If you want to visit the Bond campus before the open day you can book a personalised campus tour by emailing campustours@bond.edu.au or phoning 07 5595 1067.

Changes to Griffith University Open Days for 2015

Griffith will hold its 2015 open days on:

- 26 July at the Gold Coast campus
- 9 August at the Nathan and Southbank campuses


Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) Open Day

QSFT is a private institution which offers D Screen and Media and Certificate III Media. QSFT invites you to attend their next open day on Saturday 28 March 2015. The agenda on the day includes:

- Program Information
- Industry Guest Speakers
- Career Pathways
- Student Work Showcase
- School Tour
- Sausage Sizzle
- Raffle to Win an Action Camera.

Visit http://www.qsft.qld.edu.au/ to RSVP.

SAE Qantm Information Night

SAE Qantm offers accredited tertiary level courses in Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games and Web and Mobile. FEE-HELP and VET FEE_HELP are available for eligible students. SAE Qantm will hold an information night on 16 April 2015 from 6 – 9 pm. For more information and to register your attendance go to http://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/.
What are cut-offs?

Cut-offs are the OP/Rank of the last QTAC applicant who gained entry into a course before all the available places are filled. Cut-offs are not normally predetermined. They can change from year to year as they are determined by the:

- number of places available in the course
- number applicants who meet the minimum entry requirements
- OP/Rank of those applicants.

For example, the following are the OP cut-offs in the QTAC January offer round for two courses in selected years.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>UQ B Arts</th>
<th>QUT B Creative Industries</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2003</td>
<td>OP8</td>
<td>OP6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2006</td>
<td>OP12</td>
<td>OP12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>OP10</td>
<td>OP8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>OP12</td>
<td>OP10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2015</td>
<td>OP12</td>
<td>OP11</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Some hints on preparing for exams

Find out exactly what is required for the exam.

- When is the exam? What is the length of the exam? How many questions will be on the exam? What will it cover?
- What kind of questions will be asked (multiple choice, short answer, true or false, essay, etc.)?
- Will you be penalised for guessing answers?
- What equipment do you need to bring to the exam?

Organise yourself mentally and physically for the exam.

- Eat healthy food regularly. Get enough sleep. Do some exercise every day even if it is only a short walk and a stretch.
- Consider reducing the time spent at your part-time job or at training a couple of weeks before the exam block.
- Take a temporary break from socialising, social networking, TV and other time-consuming leisure activities.
- Review the strategies for taking different types of exams.
- Think positive thoughts. With a good revision program and motivation to do your best, you will succeed.

Revise, revise and revise – use a revision technique that suits you. The following are some suggestions.

- Make a revision timetable. Include short breaks.
- Summarise the content to be examined – use a diagram if this is helpful.
- Ask your teacher about any content you don’t understand.
- Review by reading your summaries aloud.
- Test yourself. Do revision sheets if your school provides these.
- Revise with a friend if possible.
- Do a timed practice test.
- Be honest with yourself. Are the revision strategies you are using effective? If not, seek help from your teacher or learning support person at your school.

Keep things in perspective.

- The exams might seem like the most important thing in your life at the moment, but in reality they are only a small part of your life.
• Avoid panicking. It is normal to be nervous before an exam. Some stress actually helps you achieve your best. However, too much stress won’t help you do your best.

• Focus on some deep breathing for a few minutes if you feel yourself start to panic or if your mind goes blank. If you have prepared well, the information is there, you just have to get to it. If after relaxing for a few minutes, you still can’t remember the answer, move onto the next question and come back to this one later.

• Answer as many questions as you can. If you don’t know the answer to a question, then just pop anything down as the answer. Having a stab at a question is better than just leaving the space blank. Who knows, what you put down may even be correct!

It is always a good idea to review your exam preparation strategies when you receive your results. Did the strategies you used work for you? If yes, use them for the next exam. If no, talk to your teacher or learning support person about more effective strategies. Do this now; don’t wait until the next exam.

The above information has been gathered from a range of sources including publicly available websites, institutional and organisational newsletters, student and career advisers and guidance officers. Every effort has been made to ensure the information provided is accurate and up-to-date at the time of publication.'

'The Career Information Bulletin can only be distributed and used by members of the school community of the school that has purchased membership to Options Career Information. Options Career Information does not give permission for any member to pass on its resources to any other organisation.'