INFORMATION BULLETIN - EDITION 6
Queensland
21/04/2015 to 01/05/2015
Press F9 to update table of contents.
Apprenticeships through Group Training Organisations

Registering with a Group Training Organisation (GTO) is one strategy to try when looking for an apprenticeship. GTOs employ apprentices and trainees and place them with a host business until the apprenticeship or traineeship has been completed. For more information about GTOs, visit the Group Training Australia website at http://www.grouptraining.com.au/. This site includes a list of GTOs and their contact information.

Labour market snippets

Some health science graduates may have difficulty finding employment - The federal government’s industry employment projections data show that the Health Care and Social Assistance sector will be the leading provider of new jobs in the Australian labour market. However, according to an article on the My Health Career website, not all students who study degrees in health will find it easy to gain employment at the end of their course. Why might dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, optometry and nursing graduates be at risk? Visit https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/career-university-dept-of-employment-projections-to-2019 to find out more.

Industries expected to grow in the next five years – According to IBISWorld the following industries are expected to show growth to 2020. While this information is based on a North American perspective, it may have relevance for Australia career decision makers.

- **Accounting Services** (Occupations: Accountant and Auditor; Bookkeeping, Accounting and Auditing Clerk; Financial Manager)
- **Software Publishing** (Software Engineer; Software Developer; Computer Programmer; Smartphone App Developer)
- **Investment Banking and Securities Dealing** (Occupations: Investment Banking Associate; Financial/Securities/Investment Analyst; Fund Accountant)
- **Public Relations Firms** (Occupations: Public Relations Specialist; Account Manager; Communications Manager)
- **Engineering Services** (Occupations: Civil Engineer; Mechanical Engineer; Project Engineer; Surveyor)
- **Hospitals** (Occupations: Registered Nurse; Laboratory Technologist; Physical Therapist; Physician Assistant)
- **Management Consulting** (Occupations: Management Consultant Associate; Strategy Consultant; Research Consultant)
- **Semiconductor and Circuit Manufacturing** (Occupations: Electrical Engineer; Manufacturing Engineer; Mechanical Engineer; Sales Engineer)
- **Organic Chemical Manufacturing** (Occupations: Chemists and Materials Scientist; Biotech Research Associate; Research Scientist; Pharmaceutical Sales Representative)


**The hidden jobs market**

The following points are adapted from ‘Where are all the jobs? The hidden jobs market’ written by Marni Williams.

- The hidden jobs market consists of jobs that are available but aren’t advertised.
- It is estimated to be from 50 - 80 per cent of the entire jobs market.
- To access the hidden jobs market you need to network.
- Networking is not just about meeting lots of people.
- Effective networking means being focused by first deciding what sort of work you want.
- Then you need to identify employers who offer that sort of work. A helpful website that lists large employers in Australia is *Job Adviser* at [http://www.jobadvisor.com.au/](http://www.jobadvisor.com.au/). Your social network (family, friends, friends’ parents, neighbours, etc.) can also help you identify employers.
- Put dollars at the bottom of your priority list, particularly when you’re starting out.
- You may not get your ideal job first up. It is more important to find an employer and job that gives you a path you want to take.
- Approach employers who look promising. There’s a fine line between being persistent and being annoying, so always be very conscious and respectful of people’s time.
- If you say you want to work for an organisation, have a clear set of reasons why — saying, ‘because you look like a cool company’ isn’t a very strong reason. Instead think about their values as a business, the market they operate in, their reputation, how they fit in with your own vision.


**What is an Australian Apprenticeships Centre?**

Australian Apprenticeships Centres (AACs) are not-for-profit organisations funded by the Commonwealth Government. They provide up-to-date information, support and advice about apprenticeships and traineeships to jobseekers and employers. Visit
http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/find-my-aac/full-list to locate your nearest AAC.
2015 Job Guide is now available online

Visit [http://www.jobguide.education.gov.au/](http://www.jobguide.education.gov.au/) to access information on over 500 occupations in the 2015 Job Guide. In addition, the Job Guide contains information on job seeking skills, learning pathways and apprenticeships. There is also a section for parents with useful suggestions on how to support the career development of their children. The Job Guide is particularly useful for students in Years 10 - 12 who are in the process of exploring their future options.

**Do you have an idea for a business but don’t know where to start?**

Visit the Enterprise Network for Young Australians (ENYA) website at [http://enya.org.au/](http://enya.org.au/). ENYA is a not-for-profit organisation run by young people for young enterprising people who are eager to start their own business. The ENYA site has a range of resources, including a step-by-step process for starting your business.

**Interested in working in Asia in the future?**

The myfuture website at [http://www.myfuture.edu.au/](http://www.myfuture.edu.au/) (click on ‘Explore careers’ and ‘Occupation showcase’) has a section called ‘Asia Skills’. This section provides information on topics such as working in Asian countries and culture in Asian countries. You can also watch videos in which Australians working in China, Indonesia, Japan and South Korea talk about their jobs.

**Want to know more about making better choices?**

The myfuture website has a resource called ‘The Adventures of You’ executive function guide. Executive functions are the mental skills needed to make decisions. These include planning, reasoning, prioritising, problem solving, task flexibility, execution and monitoring actions. ‘The Adventures of You’ site includes three animated videos that will help you understand these skills. It can be located at [http://www.myfuture.edu.au/](http://www.myfuture.edu.au/) (click on ‘Tools and resources’ and ‘Learning tools for secondary students’).
Fancy yourself as a filmmaker, animator or video game maker?

Registrations are now open for the 2015 Screen It competition. Screen It is Australia’s national moving image competition for school-aged students. This year the theme is ‘Change’. Entries close on 21 September 2015. For details, visit http://www.acmi.net.au/screenit.aspx. Talk to a teacher or your school guidance officer/counsellor about entering this competition.

Junior Authors Short Story Writing Contest

This international competition invites young authors up to 21 years of age to submit a story of up to 1,000 words. The competition has six categories based on age. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2015. Visit the website at http://laurathomascommunications.com/juniorauthorscontest/ for details.

My Story My Content short film competition

This competition is open to primary and secondary students. The theme for this year is ‘Movies Matter’. The short film can be of any genre (i.e. documentary, drama, horror, musical, sci-fi, etc.). Entries may be live-action, animation or a combination of both. Students may enter individually, in groups, as a class or as a whole school. Entries close on 10 August 2015. Find out more at http://mystorymycontent.com/.

Young Australian Art Awards

Students from primary and secondary schools are invited to participate in this competition. There are five art categories - Indigenous, drawing, painting, computer art and photography. The first step is to register and activate your login account. You then have until 2 October 2015 to prepare and upload your art work. Details about the competition can be found at http://www.youngatart.com.au/index.php.
Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) course in Brisbane

AFTRS will present ‘An Introduction to Television’ on 16 May 2015 at The Edge, State Library of Queensland. The seminar will give you a good insight into the structure of the TV Industry today, and explain the different production models and jobs within the industry. Find out more at http://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-courses/an-introduction-to-television/T548.

Bond University Experience Days

Bond invites Year 11 and 12 students to the following experience days. Each event will provide participants with information about the courses offered at Bond and the graduate opportunities available.

- 30 April 2015 - Criminology Experience Day
  http://bond.edu.au/event/46333/criminology-experience-day
- 12 May 2015 - Business and Commerce Experience Day
- 14 May 2015 - Actuarial Science Experience Day
  http://bond.edu.au/event/46370/actuarial-science-experience-day
- 14 May 2015 - Hotel and Tourism Management Experience Day
- 14 May 2015 - International Relations Experience Day
  http://bond.edu.au/event/46340/international-relations-experience-day
- 15 May 2015 - Health & Sport Sciences Experience Day
- 16 May 2015 - Biomedical Science & Medicine Experience Day
  http://bond.edu.au/event/46288/biomedical-science-medicine-experience-day
- 21 May 2015 - Communications, Film and Digital Media Experience Day
- 18 June 2015 - Psychology Experience Day
  http://bond.edu.au/event/46337/psychology-experience-day
- 18 June 2015 - Architecture Experience Day
  http://bond.edu.au/event/46339/architecture-experience-day
Courses in agriculture

Marcus Oldham College is a private tertiary institution in Geelong, Victoria. It offers FEE-HELP approved tertiary courses in farm business management, agribusiness and horse business management. The College is offering scholarships for students commencing their studies in 2016. For more information about the College and its scholarships, visit http://www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au/index.htm.

CQUniversity (CQU) mid-year information sessions

On-campus information sessions will be held at all CQU campuses and distance education study centres (Brisbane, Bundaberg, Cairns, Gladstone, Mackay, Noosa, Rockhampton and Townsville) on 14 May 2015. An online session will also be held. Information about flexible study options, entry pathways, support services, scholarships and courses will be provided. See https://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar/event-items/graduation/cquni-information-session.

Find out about a career in business at the ‘Meet the Business Leader’ event

‘Meet the Business Leader’ is an event designed for Year 11 and 12 students. It will be presented by Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand on Monday 18 May 2015 from 3.15 – 5.30 pm at QUT’s Gardens Point campus. The event is an excellent opportunity for students to gain an insight into what life as a business professional is really like - the challenges, benefits and rewards. The program will include:

- A business leader panel discussion - candid first-hand insights into the career pathway of successful business people
- Interactive activities and quizzes – allowing students to work alongside the business leaders
- Mini-careers fair – an opportunity for students to network with the various firm representatives in attendance and learn more about each organisation.

Talk to your business teacher or guidance officer/counsellor about attending this event as registration is through your school and students must be accompanied at the event by a teacher. The registration form can be accessed at http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/Students/Whats-on/Event-listing/National-event-info/Meet-the-Business-Leader.aspx. The due date for registrations is 6 May 2015.

Interior decorating workshop

New engineering program in 2016 at James Cook University (JCU)

JCU is the first Australian university to establish a new program in ‘Electronic Systems and the Internet of Things’ as part of its B Engineering. The four-year degree will be offered at JCU’s Cairns campus from 2016. It will combine the study of electrical engineering, wireless communication, software engineering and industrial design. More information about this program will be available soon.

News from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

Year 10 Subject Selection for STEM Careers - At this event Year 10 students will find out about the Year 11 and 12 subjects that will prepare them for successful studies at QUT in Science, IT, Engineering, Mathematics, Health and Education. The event will be held on the evening of 30 April 2015 at the Gardens Point campus. Visit https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/do-you-advice-school-students/resources-for-schools/stem-for-schools/events/event?news-id=86804 for details and to register.


The Big Day In – This is an IT conference which will be hosted by QUT on 23 July 2015. The conference is designed for both high school (Years 9-12) and university students interested in careers in technology. Tickets can be purchased at http://www.acsfoundation.com.au/bdi/index.cfm?page=bris2015.

Open Day – QUT’s open day in 2015 will be held on 26 July at the Gardens Point campus. Visit the Open Day website at https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day to download the Open Day 2015 program to help you plan your day. Also on the site, you can register to win a MacBook Air. The Caboolture campus open day will be held on 16 August 2015.

QUT Power of Engineering – This is a one-day program for female students in Years 9 and 10. The program, to be held on 4 August 2015, will introduce students to engineering through workshops, engineering exercises and access to successful women currently working in the engineering profession. For more information, see https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/do-you-advice-school-students/news-and-events/news?news-id=87176.

NIDA short courses
The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) offers short courses in Brisbane during term time and school holidays. Visit [https://www.open.nida.edu.au/](https://www.open.nida.edu.au/) for a list of courses. Term courses, for all ages, start in May. These are popular courses that full up fast.

**Notes from the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)**

**Student Experience Day at Springfield campus** – To be held on 1 May 2015, this event is for students in Years 11 and 12. It will provide an opportunity for students to explore the courses and campus at Springfield. See [https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2015/05/usq-student-experience-day-springfield](https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2015/05/usq-student-experience-day-springfield) for details and to RSVP.

**Year 11 Legal Studies Conference** - This event will be held on 8 May 2015 at the Springfield campus. It introduces students to the study options available in USQ law courses. See your legal studies teacher or school guidance officer/counsellor for more information. More information at [https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2015/05/year-11-legal-studies-conference](https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2015/05/year-11-legal-studies-conference).

**Student Experience Day at Fraser Coast campus** – Students in Years 11 and 12 are invited to this event to learn about the campus and the courses offered. It will be held on 8 May 2015. See [https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2015/05/usq-student-experience-day-fraser-coast](https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2015/05/usq-student-experience-day-fraser-coast) for details.

**Toowoomba Campus Student Experience Day** - Students in Years 11 and 12 are invited to find out about university life at this event to be held on 14 May 2015 from 8.30 am – 2.30 pm. Find out more at [https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2015/05/usq-student-experience-day](https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2015/05/usq-student-experience-day).

**Queensland Engineering Link Projects (ELP) now open for registrations**

ELPs are two or three-day workshops for Year 11 and 12 students. They provide an opportunity for students to test their interest in engineering through hands-on, problem-solving activities and access to people already working in the engineering field. The following ELPs will be held in Queensland during the June/July school holidays.

- 30 June – 2 July - Central Queensland Engineering Link Project at CQUniversity, Rockhampton
- 8 – 10 July - South Queensland Engineering Link Project at QUT, Gardens Point Campus
- 20 – 22 July - North Queensland Engineering Link Project at James Cook University, Townsville Campus
- 23 – 24 July - Far North Queensland Engineering Link Project at James Cook University, Cairns Campus
For more information and to register, go to http://www.telg.com.au/qldelpregistrations-open/. Places fill fast for these events, so get in early.

**RSL Youth Development Program**

The RSL Youth Development Program recognises and rewards the efforts of high-achieving Queensland students. It is offered through the Returned Soldiers League (RSL) and Bond University. Current Year 10 and 11 students who demonstrate academic, community and leadership achievements can receive grants of up to $5,000. Recipients will also have an opportunity to apply for a scholarship worth 50% of tuition fees to study either a single or combined degree at Bond University on the completion of high school. Applications for this program open on Anzac Day (25 April 2015) and close on Remembrance Day (11 November 2015). For more information and to apply, visit http://RSLyouth.com.au.

**Selected course and career events from 21 April – 16 May 2015**

The following events are mentioned in this newsletter or have been mentioned in previous newsletters.

**April**


30 - Year 10 Subject Selection for STEM Careers at the Queensland University of Technology [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/do-you-advice-school-students/resources-for-schools/stem-for-schools/events/event?news-id=86804](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/do-you-advice-school-students/resources-for-schools/stem-for-schools/events/event?news-id=86804)


30 – Bond University

**May**


1 – University of New England Open Day [http://www.une.edu.au/study/study-options/landing/open-day]


6 - Australian Institute of Applied Sciences (AIAS) Information Evening at the Brisbane campus [http://www.aias.edu.au/about/upcoming-events]

6 - Queensland University of Technology Parent Information Seminar at the Gardens Point campus [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events]


7 – Smart Futures 4 North Queensland [http://www.sf4nq.com.au/]

8 - University of Southern Queensland, Springfield campus Year 11 Legal Studies Conference [https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/event-search]

8 - University of Southern Queensland, Fraser Coast campus Student Experience Day [https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/event-search]

9 - Endeavour College of Natural Health Brisbane campus Open Day [http://naturalhealthopenday.com.au/]


Snippets from the University of Queensland (UQ)

**StemCells@UQ** – Year 9 and 10 students are invited to this event to be held from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm on Monday 11 May 2015 at the Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology at UQ. This free program will give students a deeper understanding of stem cell research and what it holds for the future. Interested students should talk to their science teacher about attending. Places are limited to a maximum of eight students and two teachers per school. Visit [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stemcellsuq-tickets-16373922844](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stemcellsuq-tickets-16373922844) for details.

**Careers that Shape the World** – This event to be held on 15 July 2015 is open to Year 10 – 12 students. It provides an excellent opportunity to explore your future career and course options. Workshops cover the fields of business, economics, tourism, law, engineering, architecture, information technology, health, humanities, social science, education, arts and science. The program can be accessed at [http://www.uq.edu.au/shapeyourworld/](http://www.uq.edu.au/shapeyourworld/). Online registrations open in May.

**Concurrent Diplomas at UQ** - UQ students can study diplomas in Music Performance, Languages or Global Issues at the same time they are undertaking their undergraduate degree. See [http://www.uq.edu.au/uqadvantage/concurrent-diplomas](http://www.uq.edu.au/uqadvantage/concurrent-diplomas) for details.

Study medicine in Samoa

The Oceania University of Medicine, located in Apia, Samoa offers a four-year (graduate entry) and a five-year (undergraduate entry) B Medicine/B Surgery. Graduates of this medical school are eligible to sit for licensing exams in Australia. For information about the course, visit [http://www.oceaniamed.org/](http://www.oceaniamed.org/).

Updates from Griffith University

**Schoolgirl's Breakfast Career Experience Day** – Year 11 and 12 female students who are passionate about sports are invited to attend this free event on Wednesday 13
May 2015 at the Gold Coast campus. Participants will be provided with breakfast and have an opportunity to learn about career pathways in the sports field through a panel presentation and a series of workshops. Interested students should register to attend by 7 May 2015 via email: ProjectOfficeHSL@griffith.edu.au or telephone: 07 5552 8624. See http://www.griffith.edu.au/business-government/griffith-business-school/high-school-community-programs for more information.

**Experience Griffith 2015** - The Semester 1 ‘Experience Griffith’ week is for Year 12 students to help them gain a taste of life as a university student. Students take part in a full day program that includes an interactive activity and two interest area sessions selected from ten study areas across the five Griffith campuses. Schools register their students by campus and interest area for the following days:

- Tuesday 19 May - South Bank campus
- Wednesday 20 May – Logan campus
- Thursday 21 May – Nathan campus
- Friday 22 May - Gold Coast campus

Visit http://www.griffith.edu.au/guidance-officers-teachers/events/experience-days to download the program of interest areas for each campus. Contact your school guidance officer/counsellor if you are interested in attending this event.

**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 the 1007ENG Engineering Fundamentals (on Gold Coast campus) or 1001ENG Engineering Practice and Sustainability (at Nathan campus) lectures and complete the end of program examination. Visit http://www.griffith.edu.au/engineering-information-technology/griffith-school-engineering/future-students/griffith-eng-year-11-year-12-program for details. Applications open on Monday 20 April and close on Friday 26 June 2015.

**Open Day** - In 2015, Griffith Open Day will be held on Sunday 26 July at the Gold Coast campus and Sunday 9 August at the Nathan and South Bank campuses. You can register for updates on the Open Day website at http://www.griffith.edu.au/open-day

**Young Leaders July Program at Trinity College, the University of Melbourne**

Interested in a residential experience at the University of Melbourne with other young people eager to experience university and develop their academic and personal skills? Check out the Young Leaders July Program at Trinity College. Applications are now open and will close on 1 June 2015. Scholarships are available. Find out more at http://www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/learning/trinity-institute/young-leaders/young-leaders-july-program.html.
Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in STEM Education

These awards recognise students, teachers, support officers, schools and education partners who demonstrate an outstanding and innovative contribution to STEM education in Queensland. In 2015, a total of 29 awards are offered across eight categories, including four awards for Year 12 students:

- Outstanding Senior Science Student Awards - $5,000 each
- Outstanding Senior Mathematics and Technology Student Awards - $5,000 each
- Outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Senior Mathematics and Technology Student Awards - $5,000 each
- Outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Senior Science Student Awards - $5,000 each.

Year 12 applicants must have completed Year 11 in Queensland with very high achievement or equivalent in two Authority senior science, mathematics or technology subjects and be currently enrolled in at least two Year 12 approved senior science, mathematics or technology subjects. Applicants can nominate themselves or be nominated. Nominations are now open and will close on 20 May 2015. Visit [http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/area/science/all-stars.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/area/science/all-stars.html) for details.
Australians Abroad

This organisation provides international exchange opportunities. Program options include language courses and volunteer programs in countries in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe, North America and Latin America. For more information, visit http://www.australiansabroad.com.au/.

Rustic Pathways

Rustic Pathways has a range of programs of interest to students looking for something different at the end of Year 12. The programs offered include rustic tours, gap programs, and school leaver experiences (e.g. alternative schoolies experiences). Visit http://www.rusticpathways.com.au/ to find out more.

Selected gap year program information sessions for April and May 2015

April

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

May

- 6 - World Education Program Australia (WEP) Information Evening at Miami, Gold Coast [http://wep.org.au/info/information-evenings]
- 6 - Student Exchange Australia New Zealand [http://studentexchange.org.au/info-sessions/in-person-city-sessions/#Brisbane]
Careers in the Printing and Graphic Communications Industry

Jobs in this industry include graphic design, printing, print finishing and screen-printing. For more information about these jobs and pathways for gaining entry to them, see the Future Print website at www.printingcareers.com.au/.

What does a dietitian do?

According to the Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) website, dietitians have the qualifications and skills to provide expert nutrition and dietary advice. They are university-qualified professionals who are trained to assess the nutritional needs of patients, planning appropriate diets and educating patients and their families. They also assist people to manage health conditions and diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, cancers, gastrointestinal diseases, food allergies, food intolerance’s, disordered eating as well as overweight and obesity. Dietitians can work in areas such as community nutrition and public health, food service and management, consultancy/private practice, the food industry, research and teaching.

DAA is responsible for the accreditation of dietetic programs in Australia and maintains a list of courses that are currently accredited or seeking accreditation. For information on currently accredited programs go to http://daa.asn.au/universities-recognition/accreditation-of-dietetic-programs/dietetic-programs-currently-accredited/. To find out the difference between dietitians and nutritionists, visit https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/dietetics/nutritionist-or-dietitian and http://daa.asn.au/universities-recognition/dietetics-in-australia/distinction-between-dietitian-and-nutritionist/.
2015 Gold Coast Careers Expo

This event will be held on 7 May at the Convention Centre, RACV Royal Pines Resort in Ashmore. For more information, visit the expo website at http://www.studygoldcoast.org.au/gold-coast-careers-expo/.

APM College of Business and Communication Open Day

APM offers accredited diplomas and degrees in business, management, marketing, public relations and event management. It will hold an open day at its Fortitude Valley, Brisbane campus on Saturday 2 May 2015. RSVP at http://www.apm.edu.au/about-apm/upcoming-events/apm-open-day-brisbane.

Australasian College of Natural Therapies Open Day

This college offers degree, advanced diploma, diploma and certificate courses in a number of natural therapy areas such as massage, naturopathy, western herbal medicine, sport development, health science and nutrition. It will hold an open day on Saturday 2 May 2015 at its Brisbane campus in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. Register to attend at http://www.acnt.edu.au/about-us/events/brisbane-open-day.

Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP) information session

ACAP provides accredited diploma and degree courses in counselling, psychology, case management, coaching and people management. ACAP’s Brisbane campus will hold an information session at 12.30 pm on 29 April 2015. Visit http://www.acap.edu.au/ to register your attendance.

Australian Institute of Applied Sciences (AIAS) information evening

AIAS is holding this event at its Brisbane campus from 5 – 7.30 pm on Wednesday 6 May 2015. It will be of interest to students considering future study in the fields of health, beauty, natural medicine and massage therapy. For more information and to register for the evening, visit http://www.aias.edu.au/about/upcoming-events/info-evening.

Australian National College of Beauty (ANCB) Open Day
ANCB is a registered training college that offers a Diploma of Beauty Therapy. It will hold an open day on Saturday 2 May 2015 at its Brisbane campus in Fortitude Valley. Register to attend at http://www.ancb.edu.au/events/openday-brisbane.

Billy Blue College of Design Open Day

This college has a campus in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. It provides degree and diploma courses in various aspects of design (e.g. communication, interior, fashion and digital media). The college will hold an open day on Saturday 2 May 2015. Visit http://www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-events/brisbane/brisbane-od-may to register.

CATC Design School information events

CATC Design School offers accredited diploma level courses in graphic design, interior design and photography. For information about its courses, attend the following events.

- 30 April 2015 – Open House at the Gold Coast campus
- 2 May 2015 – Open Day at the Fortitude Valley, Brisbane campus

For details and to RSVP, visit http://www.catc.edu.au/events.

Natural Health Open Day at Endeavour College

The Endeavour College of Natural Medicine offers degree level courses in acupuncture, complementary medicine, musculoskeletal therapy, naturopathy and nutritional medicine. It also offers a range of diploma and certificate courses. Endeavour College will hold its open day on 9 May 2015 at its Brisbane and Gold Coast campuses. Visit http://www.naturalhealthopenday.com.au/ to register.

Smart Futures 4 North Queensland (SF4NQ)

SF4NQ is an interactive career event which provides students in Years 10 – 12 with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a large range of industries and jobs available in North Queensland. It will be held on Thursday 7 May 2015 at the Reid Park Pit Complex in Townsville. Visit http://www.sf4q.com.au/ for details. North Queensland students interested in attending should contact their guidance officer/counsellor.

University of New England (UNE) Open Day

This event will be held at the UNE Armidale campus on Friday 1 May 2015. It gives you the chance to explore the UNE campus and find out everything you need to know about studying at university. The program on the day will include information sessions, individual course advice, tours of the academic campus and colleges, live
demonstrations, free food and activities. Visit http://www.une.edu.au/study/study-options/landing/open-day for more information.
UMAT reminders

Students applying for medicine and other health science courses may be required to sit for the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) as part of the application process. You register to sit for the test on the UMAT website at https://umat.acer.edu.au/. On time registrations close at 5 pm on 5 June 2015. Late registrations are accepted up to 5 pm on 19 June 2015 (a late fee applies). The test date is 29 July 2015. Results will be available in late September 2015. Some important points are:

- It is essential that you read the entire UMAT 2015 Information Booklet on the UMAT website before you register
- UMAT scores can be used for admission only in the year following the test (do not register for UMAT 2015 unless you are planning to apply for a course commencing in 2016)

You can only register to sit for UMAT 2015 if you have already completed or plan to complete Year 12 in 2015 (Year 11 students or students in the first year of a two-year Year 12 cannot sit for UMAT 2015).

Year 12 students – time is passing

This year is passing rapidly. There are less than four months left until the QTAC online application is activated (4 August 2015). You need to begin serious planning for 2016 if you have not already started. If you haven’t a clue where to start or aren’t aware of your options, make an appointment with your school guidance officer/counsellor ASAP. Starting this term, you will have many opportunities to explore your options. For example:

- From May to August most of the institutions have open days at which you can obtain information about courses and check out the campuses. See http://www.qtac.edu.au/courses---institutions/open-days-expos for a list of dates.
- You will receive the *QTAC Guide* in mid-June. This booklet contains information about courses and application processes.
- 18 – 19 July 2015- Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) at the RNA showgrounds. Interstate universities will be represented at this expo. See [http://www.careersevent.com/tsxpo/](http://www.careersevent.com/tsxpo/).
- From 4 August 2015 you can access a range of up-to-date information about the 2015/16 QTAC application and offer processes and the courses offered from the QTAC website at [http://www.qtac.edu.au/](http://www.qtac.edu.au/).

Take advantage of all these opportunities to plan your immediate future. If you intend to apply to QTAC for entry to tertiary courses in 2016, you need to submit your application by 30 September 2015 to avoid a hefty late fee.
Staying motivated

With the pressure of assignments, exams, social events (who should I take to the formal?), and career and course decision making, it is easy to lose sight of the goals you set yourself for your senior studies. The following suggestions for regaining your drive and motivation are adapted from the Chartered Accountants website at http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/Students/Study-resources/Staying-motivated.

One step at a time - Getting motivated again takes a little time. So, just pick a small task, and address that. Break big projects and assignments into smaller ones, and tackle just one, then another - before you know it, you’re starting to feel like you’re achieving something, and that will boost your confidence.

Be realistic - Lack of motivation can sometimes happen when you doubt your ability to achieve your goals and projects. Maybe you’re demanding too much of yourself. Look at what you’ve got on your plate: is it realistic? If not, try and reduce the workload by talking to teachers, guidance officers/counsellors and parents. They’re human too!

Take a break - Sometimes, all you need to motivate yourself again is to take a break. Go for a walk, catch up with friends, treat yourself to a movie or a meal. It’s amazing how walking away from the immediate issues can help you see them with fresh eyes when you get back to them.

Reward yourself - Go on, have a treat! You may think you’re not doing so well, so think about what you have already achieved, and reward yourself for that.

Remember the dream - If you’re losing motivation, you’re probably caught up with the day-to-day detail. Just remind yourself why you’re doing this - to live a comfortable, successful, independent life. Now picture what that will be like. Feeling better?

Ask for help - If you’re not clear on an assignment, ask your teacher or a fellow student. Just discussing the issues may make it clearer and kick start your energy.

Read a biography - Many of the famous, successful people we admire faced difficulties and failure in their lives. A biography will put your current challenges in context, and allow you to see you’re not alone.
**Phone a friend** - One of the oldest ideas in the book, but it really does help to talk with someone who can give you a positive point of view regarding how you are feeling. Talk to someone who is empathetic NOT sympathetic.
Questions from Year 12 students

Q. - How do I apply to university for next year?

A. - You apply through QTAC for most Queensland tertiary courses. Applications to tertiary institutions in other states are through tertiary admissions centres similar to QTAC (see [http://www.qtac.edu.au/applications/apply-here/applying-interstate](http://www.qtac.edu.au/applications/apply-here/applying-interstate) for information about interstate applications). You apply directly to all other institutions.

Q. - What is QTAC?

A. - The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) is a public, not-for-profit company that manages the application and offer processes for a number of universities, TAFE institutes and some private colleges in Queensland (three interstate institutions are also included). QTAC does not make the rules about entry to courses. The institutions make the rules and QTAC administers these rules.

Q. - How many courses can I apply for through QTAC?

A. - You can apply for up to six courses from any of the institutions that use QTAC. You receive only one offer (if you meet the prerequisites and have a competitive OP or Rank) at any given offer round.

Q. - When will I receive my QTAC application form?

A. - The QTAC application is an online application. It will be activated on 4 August 2015 on the QTAC website at [http://www.qtac.edu.au/](http://www.qtac.edu.au/). The ‘on-time’ due date for applications is 30 September 2015. After this date a hefty late fee is applied.

Q. - How are applicants selected for courses through QTAC?

A. - There are usually more applicants than available places for many of the courses. Selection is based on meeting minimum entry requirements (prerequisite subjects, folio, audition, etc.) and on merit (OP or Rank). Once minimum entry requirements are met, applicants compete on the basis of merit.

Q. - What are cut-offs and how are they derived?
A. - A cut-off for any specific course is the OP or Rank of the last applicant to be given a place in the course before all places in the course are filled. Normally, cut-offs are not predetermined by the institution offering the course. They are the result of supply and demand - the number of places available, the number of applicants applying for the course and the OP or Rank of those applicants. Because of this, cut-offs can change from year to year and offer round to offer round.

Q. - What is the difference between undergraduate and postgraduate courses?

A. - The term ‘undergraduate’ is normally applied to diploma, advanced diploma, associate degree and bachelor degree courses. ‘Postgraduate’ usually applies to courses you can study after completing a bachelor degree, e.g. graduate certificate, graduate diploma, masters and doctorate.
'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.'