



**INFORMATION BULLETIN - EDITION 2**

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# APPRENTICESHIPS & *Employment*

## **What is a Tax File Number (TFN)?**

Most people can apply for a TFN. It is a unique number issued by the Australian Tax Office. It is used for many purposes, including:

- Starting work (including part-time jobs) or changing jobs
- Lodging a tax return
- Applying for Commonwealth Government financial assistance such as pensions and other benefits
- Applying for the Higher Education Loan Program - HELP (e.g. HECS, VET FEE-HELP) when you commence tertiary study.

In the past you could obtain a TFN application form from your school. Since 1 January 2015 a new application process is required. This process consists of three steps:

1. Complete an online form
2. Print a summary of your application
3. Attend an interview to present your proof of identity documents within 30 days at a participating Australia Post office.

Visit the Australian Tax Office website at

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/> for more information. Year 12 students intending to apply for tertiary study in 2016 should apply for their TFN this year to avoid a panic early next year.

## **Why do I need a White Card to do work experience on a construction site?**

Construction sites are dangerous places. Consequently, all workers on a construction site, even work experience students, must have knowledge of the possible hazards they may encounter and how to manage them.

The White Card is issued at the completion of general construction induction training (CPCCOHS1001A Work safely in the construction industry). This is a short course that covers general safety for the construction industry. Most courses are delivered online. Some training organisations have a discount price for students. The following are a sample of organisations that offer the course.

- Blue Dog Training (online course) <http://bluedogtraining.com.au/>

- Narbil Training (online course) <http://www.narbiltraining.edu.au/white-card/>
- PCD Training (online course) <http://www.pcdtraining.edu.au/>

You can do an Internet search to find other registered training organisations that offer a White Card course. Queensland construction induction cards (White Cards) are accepted throughout Australia.



# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

## **Australian Defence Force (ADF) general careers information sessions**

These sessions are for students interested in finding out more about life and work in Australia's Navy, Army and Air Force. They will be held on:

- Wednesday 18 February 2015 at 6 pm (one session only) at the Spring Lake Hotel, 1/1 Springfield Lakes Boulevard, Springfield Lakes
- Wednesday 25 February 2015 at 6 pm and at 7 pm (two sessions) at the Defence Force Recruiting office, Level 11, 410 Ann Street, Brisbane.

To RSVP, call Alayna Bullock on (07) 3016 2425 or email [abullock@dfr.com.au](mailto:abullock@dfr.com.au), specifying the location and session.

## **Australian Defence Force (ADF) trade careers information sessions**

The Navy, Army and Air Force are now recruiting for a wide range of trade apprenticeship positions such as Marine Technician, Electrician and Avionics Technician. The information sessions will provide information on these and other trade positions available. They will be held on:

- Wednesday 18 February 2015 at 6 pm at The Space Northlakes YMCA, Cnr Lakefield Drive and Endeavour Boulevard, Northlakes
- Thursday 19 February 2015, at 6 pm, at the Defence Force Recruiting office, Level 11, 410 Ann Street, Brisbane
- Tuesday 24 February 2015 at 6 pm at the Ipswich Metro Hotel, 43 South Street, Ipswich.

To RSVP, call Alayna Bullock on (07) 3016 2425 or email [abullock@dfr.com.au](mailto:abullock@dfr.com.au), specifying the location and session.



## **Free online career information resources**

Visit the Graduate Opportunities website at <http://www.graduateopportunities.com/> to access free downloads and ebooks that can help you with your career exploration. The resources on this site include:

- Career information booklets on jobs in engineering, the environment, human resources, ICT, law, marketing, media and the arts, nursing and midwifery, social work, science and teaching
- 'Your Career and You' – a self-assessment booklet to help you gain awareness of your skills and abilities
- 'Where the grads go 2014' – information about what jobs students get into after they finish university and how much they earn
- Graduate Opportunities 2014 eBooks
- Nail that Job APP – useful job search skills.

# Competitions

## **Like a good argument? Enter the High School Mooting Competition**

This competition is conducted annually by Bond University. It involves teams of students from different schools competing against each other in a legal argument. Registrations for the 2015 High School Mooting Competition are now open. Read more at <http://www.bond.edu.au/faculties/law/events-and-competitions/high-school-mooting-competition/index.htm> and talk to your Legal Studies teacher or guidance officer/counsellor about forming a school mooting team.

## **The English Speaking Union's Roly Sussex Short Story Award 2015**

The award is designed to encourage original creative writing. Participants are asked to submit short stories of up to 3000 words. The competition includes a category for Best Secondary School Student Story, which offers a prize of \$1000. Entries close on Saturday 28 February 2015. See <http://www.esu.org.au/the-esu-roly-sussex-short-story-award/> for details.

## **Under the Radar Youth Short Film Competition**

This competition is for filmmakers under the age of 21. As part of the St Kilda Film Festival, the competition provides an opportunity for young filmmakers to show their work in an internationally recognised film festival. Entries close on 27 February 2015. For details and to apply, see <http://www.stkildafilmfestival.com.au/callforentries/page-110/under-the-radar>.



### **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 6 pm on 25 March 2015. Visit <http://www.acap.edu.au/> to register your attendance.

### **Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) short courses**

AFTRS will offer 'An Introduction to Television' at the Queensland State Library in Brisbane on 16 May 2015. This one-day seminar will give you an insight into the structure of the TV Industry and explain the different jobs within the industry. See <http://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-courses/an-introduction-to-television/T548> for details. There is a 10% discount for early bookings. Available AFTRS online courses include:

- Content creation for iPhone/iPad (see <http://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-courses/content-creation-for-iphone-ipad-online/5509>)
- Introduction to Music Composition for Screen (see <http://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-courses/introduction-to-music-composition-for-the-screen-online/m527>).

View other AFTRS courses at <http://www.aftrs.edu.au/>.

### **Career tool on the ACU website**

In the 'Future Students' section of the Australian Catholic University (ACU) website there is a free career questionnaire that can help you discover your strengths, abilities and personality style and the jobs that match these. It links the jobs with ACU courses. Go to [http://www.acu.edu.au/study\\_at\\_acu/future\\_students/undergraduate](http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/future_students/undergraduate) and click on 'Discover your dream career' and register to do the questionnaire. Shortly after completing the questionnaire, you will be emailed a comprehensive report.

### **Evolve College**

The Australian College of Massage is now called 'Evolve College'. It has centres throughout Australia including in Brisbane, Cairns, Gold Coast, Hervey Bay, Mackay, Rockhampton, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba and Townsville. The college offers Certificate IV and Diploma courses in massage. Short introductory courses are also

offered. Courses can be taken part-time, full-time or by correspondence. Find out more at <http://www.studymassage.com.au/>.

### **Interested in Engineering? Join an Engineering Link Project (ELP)**

ELPs are run throughout the year in many locations. They provide an opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students to test their interest in engineering through hands-on, problem-solving activities and access to people already working in the engineering field. You can view the calendar of projects for 2015 at <http://www.telg.com.au/programs/engineering-link-project/>.

### **International College of Hotel Management (ICHM)**

ICHM, located in South Australia, is the only Swiss Hotel Association institution outside of Europe. It offers a dual B Business (Hospitality Management) and B International Hotel Management (Swiss Hotel Association) course. During the course, students have an opportunity to learn a language and to experience an industry placement in Australia or overseas. Visit <http://www.ichm.edu.au/> for more information.

### **Musical Theatre Audition Workshop**

Applications are now open for this workshop which will be held 6 – 10 July 2015 at the Griffith University's Woolloongabba studios. The workshop is for performers in Years 11 - 12 and beyond who want to develop auditioning skills in Musical Theatre. Find out more at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/musical-theatre/high-school-and-community-programs>.

### **Need help to prepare for a music audition?**

The Open Conservatorium, within the Queensland Conservatorium at Griffith University, offers a range of different programs for all ages. One of the programs of interest to students wanting to go on to study music at tertiary level is the tertiary preparation workshop. This workshop is designed to prepare students for the theoretical and practical aspects of the audition process. The workshop will be held from 29 June – 3 July 2015. For more information, go to <http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/open-conservatorium/tertiary-preparation-workshop>.

### **News from Griffith University**

Griffith Honours College - High achieving school leavers who meet the eligibility criteria can apply to be part of this program. The College provides a range of experiences in addition to academic study. These include mentoring, leadership development, international study, work and research, networking and social events. Year 12s apply to the College when they submit a Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship/Honours College application, usually in November/December. Find out more at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-honours-college?src=hp&p=gfoot>.

Resources for high school students - The Griffith Future Students website at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/future-students/high-school-students> will give you some ideas about what university is like and how to apply.

**Year 12 bonus admissions scheme** - Under this scheme Year 12 students who have successfully studied nominated senior subjects will receive bonus admission ranks to study at Griffith. You can receive:

- two bonus ranks for passing Maths C and/or a language other than English.
- one bonus rank for completing a university subject.

Find out more at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/future-students/high-school-students/bonus-entry-options>.

## Queensland University of Technology (QUT) news

**Business competitions** – School students are invited to compete against other schools in the following QUT competitions:

- Schools Accounting Challenge (Years 10 – 12) at Caboolture campus on 4 March 2015. See <https://www.qut.edu.au/campuses-and-facilities/caboolture/about-caboolture/for-schools/student-accounting-challenge>
- BlueShift Business Case Competition (Years 11 and 12) - registrations due on 30 March 2015. See <https://www.qut.edu.au/business/courses-and-study/secondary-schools-guide/blueshift>.

**START QUT** – This program provides Year 12 students with an opportunity to study a subject at university. Applications for Semester 2 will open on 1 March 2015. Find out more at <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/high-school-programs/start-qut>.

**Chat with the Law faculty** – You can have your law and justice course questions answered online using Live chat. Visit <https://www.student.qut.edu.au/about/faculties-institutes-and-divisions/faculties/law> (go to the 'Contacts' box).

**Pathways to Art and Fashion discussion panels** - QUT Precincts hosts a series of free panel discussions for students in Years 10 – 12 who are interested in pursuing a career in the areas of visual art and fashion. The panels are made up of QUT graduates and lecturers who are available to answer questions. In 2015 the program will be taken on tour. Sessions will be held in the following locations:

- Pathways to Art - Redcliffe City Art Gallery, Tuesday 21 July, 6 pm
- Pathways to Art - Caboolture Regional Gallery, Wednesday 22 July, 6 pm
- Pathways to Art - Pine Rivers Regional Gallery, Thursday 23 July, 6 pm
- Pathways to Art - QUT Kelvin Grove Campus, Wednesday 5 August, 6 pm
- Pathways to Fashion - QUT Kelvin Grove Campus, Wednesday 19 August, 6 pm.

To book a place, visit <http://www.artmuseum.qut.edu.au/schools/career-study.jsp>.

## Short courses in design

The Australian Institute of Creative Design (AICD), 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 weekends and during school holidays. VET FEE-HELP is available for eligible students. Go to <http://www.aicdedu.com.au/> and click on 'Holiday courses' and 'Career workshops'.

## Support for students with disabilities

All universities offer services to support students with a disability. The following are links to disability support services at Queensland universities. Year 12 students with a disability are encouraged to make contact with these services during their final year at school.

- Australian Catholic University [http://students.acu.edu.au/office\\_of\\_student\\_success/disability\\_services](http://students.acu.edu.au/office_of_student_success/disability_services)
- Bond University <http://bond.edu.au/disability-support>
- CQUniversity <http://www.cqu.edu.au/about-us/structure/directorates/people-and-culture-directorate/equity-and-diversity/other-support/disability-support>
- Griffith University <http://www.griffith.edu.au/student-equity-services/support>
- James Cook University <http://www.jcu.edu.au/disability/>
- Queensland University of Technology <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/student-life/student-support/disability-support>
- University of Queensland <http://www.uq.edu.au/about/disability-services>
- University of Southern Queensland <http://www.usq.edu.au/current-students/services/disability-resources/support>
- University of the Sunshine Coast <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/student-support/disability-and-equity/disability-support-services>

The following websites may be of assistance to students with disabilities.

- Strategies for students with ASD from La Trobe University <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/otarc/your-questions-answered/support/students>
- Graduate Careers Australia webpage for graduates with a disability. You can download the booklet *Careers for graduates with disabilities* from this site <http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/CareerPlanningandResources/GraduateswithDisability/index.htm>
- Job Access provides free information and advice about the employment of people with a disability <http://www.jobaccess.gov.au/>
- The Australian Human Rights Commission website provides information on the rights of people with a disability <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/disability-rights>
- Australian Network on Disability website focuses on providing information for employers. However, it does contain resources that may be of interest to students <http://www.and.org.au/>

## Updates from the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)

**My Brilliant Career Profiler** – This is a fun questionnaire that identifies your personality and matches it with courses you might enjoy. You can find it on the USC website at <http://www.usc.edu.au/profiler>.

**Headstart Information Evenings** – Headstart is a program that enables students in Years 11 and 12 to undertake USC subjects while still at school. The information evenings for students and parents will be held on 25 March 2015 at the Sippy Downs campus and 26 March 2015 at the Gympie campus. See <http://www.usc.edu.au/connect/events>.

**Parent Lounge** – This webpage has heaps of resources that parents can use to support their children as they transition to university study. Visit <http://www.usc.edu.au/connect/schools-and-parents/usc-parent-lounge>.

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## **An update on university fee deregulation**

The Hobsons Course Finder website has an education news section which contains items of interest to students considering future tertiary study. A recent article looks at university fee deregulation and the Commonwealth Governments efforts to implement it. Access this and other relevant articles at

<http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/Latest-news/Education-news#.VN1P2ixj6-U>.

## **Local Sporting Champions Program**

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12 to 18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships. Visit

[www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools\\_and\\_juniors/local\\_sporting\\_champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/local_sporting_champions) for details.

## **Money management online**

The MoneySmart website at <https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/> has a number of resources of relevance to senior students planning their next step after Year 12. Useful topics include:

- Managing your money
- Life events and you
- Budget planner.

## **The Tuckwell Scholarship**

This generous scholarship is available for students applying to study at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra. Applications for 2016 will open on 2 March 2015. Visit <http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/> for information about the selection criteria and the three-stage application process.

## **Tuckwell Scholarship Roadshows**

In 2015 the Australian National University will be visiting several centres throughout Australia to present the Tuckwell Scholarship Roadshows. Potential applicants and their parents can attend the roadshows to learn more about the scholarship and the application process. The Queensland roadshows will be held on:

- 24 February, 6 pm - 7.30 pm, at the Museum of Tropical Queensland, 70 - 102 Flinders Street, Townsville
- 25 February, 4.30 pm - 6 pm, at the Brisbane City Hall, 64 Adelaide Street, Brisbane.

For details and to RSVP, go to <http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/tuckwell-roadshows/>.



## Gap Year Program News

### Antipodeans Abroad

This organisation has a GapBreak program. With this program, students aged 17 - 20 years travel in groups to countries in Africa, Asia, North America, South America and Europe. They live and work in a community teaching English, working in orphanages, building schools, working on environmental and animal conservation projects or teaching sport. Visit <http://www.antipodeans.com.au/Home.htm> for details about the program and information events.

### Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year

The ADF gap year program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have completed Year 12 and are aged between 17 and 24 years to experience military training and lifestyle and to get paid for it. Placements are available in the Army, Air Force and Navy. Applications open at 9 am on Monday 2 March 2015. This is a very popular program, so interested students should apply early. Visit <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/> for more information and to register your interest.

### Camp America

Camp America organises summer camp jobs in the US for Australian students. The jobs are usually nine-week adventures in which participants experience living and working in the USA with others from all over the world. Visit <http://campamerica.com.au/> for more information.

### Gap Year Program events

- Letz Live – 2016 applications are now open <http://www.letzlive.org/>.
- Tutors Worldwide – Applications for 2016 placements close on 9 April 2015 <http://www.tutorsworldwide.org/>.
- Southern Cross Cultural Exchange information sessions – 24 February 2015 in Brisbane <http://www.scce.com.au/programs/information-sessions/>.
- Projects Abroad information meeting – 3 March 2015 in Brisbane <http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-info/information-events/>.
- World Education Program (WEP) information evenings – 25 February 2015 in Chermside, Brisbane <http://wep.org.au/info/information-evenings>.

- World Education Program (WEP) information evening – 18 February 2015 on the Sunshine Coast <http://wep.org.au/info/information-evenings>.
- World Education Program (WEP) information evening – 4 March 2015 in Toowoomba <http://wep.org.au/info/information-evenings>.
- IEP Working Adventures Worldwide online information session – 18 February 2015 <http://www.iep.com.au/infosessions>.
- Latitude Global Volunteering application close on 5 June 2015 <http://www.lattitude.org.au/>.
- Southern Cross Cultural Exchange information sessions – 24 February, 24 March and 24 April 2015 <http://www.scce.com.au/programs/information-sessions/>.

## **Letz Live**

This organisation organises a number of programs including gap year experiences working in boarding schools in the UK, Canada and Thailand. Other programs include working in the USA and UK and volunteering in a number of developing nations. See <http://letzlive.org/> for more details of these and other programs offered by Letz Live.

## **Projects Abroad**

Projects Abroad is a volunteer abroad organisation. Its projects provide an experience in which you can contribute to, as well as become a part of, a community in one of 28 countries. Projects include teaching, conservation, sports and health care. Visit <http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/> for more information.

## **Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE)**

SCCE offers exchange programs of varying length. Participants attend local schools and live with a family. Destinations include countries in Europe, South and North America and Asia. Visit the website at <http://www.scce.com.au/>.

## **World Education Program Australia (WEP)**

Through WEP students have an opportunity to travel and study at an overseas school with the support of a volunteer host family. Find out more about WEP at <http://wep.org.au/info/>.

## Occupational Information



### Aged care nursing

Interested in working in aged care? The My Health Career website at <https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/nursing/working-in-aged-care/brad-winter> has an article written by a nurse working in aged care. The article provides an insight into this career field.

### Careers that started in science

The Faculty of Science at the University of Queensland has gathered the profiles of scientists who have used their qualifications to gain entry into a diverse range of interesting and rewarding jobs and now work worldwide. The profiles can be accessed from *Careers that started in science* at <http://www.science.uq.edu.au/career-profiles>.

### Construction careers

According to the Commonwealth Department of Employment, construction industry employment is projected to grow by 8% to November 2018 (<http://lmip.gov.au/default.aspx?LMIP/EmploymentProjections>). To find out about construction jobs, visit the Be Constructive website at <http://www.constructmycareer.com.au/>. You can access information sheets on a range of construction jobs in the 'Career practitioners' section.

### Have you ever considered a career in insurance?

Visit the Council of Queensland Insurance Brokers website at <http://www.cqib.org.au/97/Careers> to find out about the specialist fields in this industry.

### Interested in visual arts?

Art/work at <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.

### Want to be an accountant in the future?

The Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand has developed resources and networks for students (university and high school) interested in a future career in accounting. For example, its 'OneNetwork' web page provides information about what accountants do and the different types of accounting jobs. You can access career tips, job advice, study skills and events. For more information, visit <http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/Students/High-school.aspx>.

### **What careers use mathematics?**

The Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute has developed a website containing 21 career profiles that require mathematical skills. The website can be found at <http://www.mathscareers.org.au/>.

## Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



### More university open days for 2015

The following is an updated list of university open days.

- 10 June – University of the Sunshine Coast, Gympie campus  
<http://www.usc.edu.au/>
- 25 July – Australian Catholic University, Brisbane campus  
[http://www.acu.edu.au/about\\_acu/our\\_university/important\\_dates](http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/our_university/important_dates)
- 26 July – Queensland University of Technology, Gardens Point campus  
<https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events>
- 2 August – University of Queensland, St Lucia campus  
<http://youruq.com/openday>
- 2 August – University of Southern Queensland, Fraser Coast campus  
<http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events>
- 9 August – University of Southern Queensland, Ipswich campus  
<http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events>
- 9 August – Griffith University, Southbank, Nathan and Gold Coast campuses  
<http://app.griffith.edu.au/events/view.php?eventID=36258>
- 9 August – CQUniversity, Bundaberg campus <http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar>
- 9 August – University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Down campus  
<http://www.usc.edu.au/>
- 15 August – CQUniversity, Mackay campus <http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar>
- 16 August – University of Queensland, Gatton campus  
<http://youruq.com/openday>
- 16 August - University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba campus  
<http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events>
- 16 August - Queensland University of Technology, Caboolture campus  
<https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events>
- 20 August – CQUniversity, Brisbane campus <http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar>
- 20 August - CQUniversity, Noosa campus <http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar>
- 23 August – CQUniversity, Rockhampton campus  
<http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar>
- 23 August - University of Southern Queensland, Springfield campus  
<http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events>
- 23 August – James Cook University, Cairns campus  
<http://www.jcu.edu.au/openday/>
- 29 August – CQUniversity, Cairns campus <http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar>
- 29 August – CQUniversity, Townsville campus <http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar>

- 30 August - James Cook University, Townsville campus  
<http://www.jcu.edu.au/openday/>

\* A complete list of open days will be available when dates become known.

### **New York Film Academy (NYFA) Australia Gold Coast Open House**

NYFA invites students interested in filmmaking or acting to its open house from 12 pm on 28 February 2015. Students under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. For more information and to RSVP, see <https://www.nyfa.edu.au/nyfa-events/>.



## ***QTAC & Tertiary Entry***

### **2015/16 Queensland tertiary application/offer process timeline**

Year 12 goes very quickly. If you are intending to apply through QTAC for tertiary courses later in the year, it is a good idea to know what happens between now and then. The following information is based on what normally happens each year. Not all dates are available at this time. The remainder will be published in this newsletter, as they become known.

#### **2014**

##### **December**

- UMAT registrations open on the UMAT website at <http://umat.acer.edu.au>

#### **2015**

##### **April**

- Regional career expos are held from April to August

##### **May**

- 29 – 30 May - National Career and Employment Expo at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre <http://ncee.com.au/brisbane/>

##### **June**

- 5 June – UMAT registrations close <http://umat.acer.edu.au>
- *QTAC Guide* distributed to schools

##### **July**

- 18 - 19 July - TSXPO (Tertiary Studies Expo) at the RNA showgrounds <http://www.tsxpo.org/>
- 29 July - UMAT exam <http://umat.acer.edu.au>
- 31 July - Bond University scholarship application due date <http://bond.edu.au/degrees-and-courses/scholarships/index.htm>
- Institution open days

##### **August**

- QTAC online application activated <http://www.gtac.edu.au/>
- Applications for music auditions due
- Institution open days

## **September**

- 1 – 2 September - Queensland Core Skills Test  
<http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/2319.html>
- 30 September - QTAC 'on-time' application due date <http://www.gtac.edu.au/>
- UMAT results released <http://umat.acer.edu.au>

## **October**

- Registration for auditions/interviews for some creative industry courses
- University scholarship application due dates

## **November**

- 20 November – final day for Year 12s <http://education.qld.gov.au/>
- University scholarship application due dates

## **December**

- QTAC early offer rounds <http://www.gtac.edu.au/>
- Year 12 results mailed by the Queensland Studies Authority
- Year 12 results available from Learning Accounts on the Student Connect website <https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au/>
- University scholarship application due dates

## **2016**

### **January**

- Last date to change preferences for the QTAC major offer round  
<http://www.gtac.edu.au/>
- QTAC major offer round <http://www.gtac.edu.au/>

### **February**

- QTAC 'top-up' offer round <http://www.gtac.edu.au/>
- Orientation week for many institutions



## **Looking after yourself**

A lot is required of you during Years 11 and 12. At times it can become quite stressful. It is important to build your resilience to meet the challenges of this time in your life. The Generation Success website at <https://employment.gov.au/generation-success-looking-after-yourself> contains strategies and resources for looking after yourself. Have a read and start the year off with healthy habits.

## **Support for senior students**

The Desk at <https://www.thedesk.org.au/> has been developed by the University of Queensland to help students cope with the ups and downs of study and life. While it has been developed for tertiary students, senior students may find it helpful.

The Desk covers topics such as study skills, stress management and communication skills. It also has a number of self-development tools. Do one of the quizzes on the website to get started.

The website includes a 'Freaking Out! Get Help' button with links to helpful websites. Senior students using this website should follow up any personal concerns they have with their guidance officer/counsellor.

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