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Have you got the aptitude for the apprenticeship/traineeship you want?

The Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service has developed a Practice Aptitude Quizzes web page at [http://www.aatinfo.com.au/Career-Resources/Industry-Career-Information---Quizzes](http://www.aatinfo.com.au/Career-Resources/Industry-Career-Information---Quizzes), which provides information and quizzes for a range of industries. Some of the industries included are Tourism, Allied Health, Community Recreation, Financial Services and Horticulture. Visit the site to see if you have the aptitude for some of the jobs in the industries listed.

If you want an apprenticeship in 2016 – begin your search now

Year 12s, don’t wait until you finish school in November to start looking for an apprenticeship. Start now as many employers begin to recruit for 2016 from this time of the year. The first thing you need to do is decide on the type of apprenticeship you want. The Queensland Training Information Service website at [http://qtis.training.qld.gov.au/Apprenticeship](http://qtis.training.qld.gov.au/Apprenticeship) has a list of apprenticeships available in Queensland. Click on apprenticeships you like for more information about the job. You can also talk to people already in the job and/or do work experience to help you with this decision. The following websites have useful steps to gaining an apprenticeship:

Australian Defence Force (ADF) and social media

Use the following sites to keep up with ADF events and new developments:

- Facebook https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia
- YouTube https://www.youtube.com/user/DefenceJobsAustralia
- Twitter https://twitter.com/DefenceJobsAust

You can find action videos of recent ADF activities at http://video.defence.gov.au/.

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year extra places

Applications for the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year are now open for extra selected GAP Year jobs in the Army and Air Force. Start your online application ASAP as places are filling rapidly. Applications close on Friday 14 August 2015. Visit http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/ for details and to apply.

Women in the Australian Defence Force (ADF)

The Defence Jobs website has specific information for women thinking about joining the ADF. For example:

- See http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/army/lifestyle/women/ for an insight into the lifestyle of women in the Australian Army
Develop your career profile

The myfuture website at http://www.myfuture.edu.au/mycareerprofile has a My Career Profile (MCP) tool. MCP uses your responses to a number of questionnaires and activities (e.g. interests, skills, knowledge) to develop your profile and to match it to suggested jobs. You can read about the suggested jobs on the myfuture website and select those that most appeal to you. This is a good place to begin if you are having trouble getting started with your career exploration.
Engflick – a short film competition

The aim of this competition is to increase awareness of the engineering profession and the role engineering plays in our lives. Entries should be between 40 seconds and five minutes in duration and reflect the theme of the competition, which is ‘Engineering – No Problem Too Big or Too Small’. Visit http://engflick.com/ for competition details. The closing date is 23 October 2015.

Ipswich Enviroplan Photographic Competition 2015

Budding photographers are invited to explore and capture the natural beauty of Ipswich by participating in the 2015 Enviroplan Photographic Competition and Exhibition. The closing date is 21 September 2015. Visit http://enviroplanphotocomp.com.au/ for more information about the competition.

The Pixel Prize – a competition for photographers

This competition is open to secondary students who have a passion for photography. This year’s theme for the competition is ‘Freedom’. See http://www.thepixelprize.com.au/ for details about the competition. Entries close on 31 August 2015.
Australian Catholic University (ACU) updates

B Biomedical Science – The prerequisites for this course are English (4, SA) and Maths B (4, SA) not English (4, SA) and any combination of Maths A, B or C (4, SA) as indicated in the 2016 QTAC Guide. B Biomedical Science dual degrees with Applied Public Health and Business Administration also require English (4, SA) and Maths B (4, SA). Do a course search on the QTAC website at [http://www.qtac.edu.au/Courses-institutions/course-search](http://www.qtac.edu.au/Courses-institutions/course-search) to confirm this.

Passion for Business (P4B) applications close soon – This is a guaranteed early entry program to ACU business/commerce programs for Year 12 students with a passion for business. Applications will close on 31 August 2015. Visit [http://www.acu.edu.au/p4b](http://www.acu.edu.au/p4b) for details.

Design workshop in Brisbane

Whitehouse Institute of Design Australia will hold the following two-day workshops in Brisbane during the September school holidays. The workshops are designed to provide students interested in design and the creative arts with practical knowledge in drawing and design concepts.

- 21 and 22 September – Illustration for Fashion
- 23 and 24 September – Techniques for Interior Illustration
- 25 and 26 September – Image Styling

Visit [http://www.whitehouse-design.edu.au/](http://www.whitehouse-design.edu.au/) (click on ‘Courses’ and ‘City Studio’) for more information

JMC Academy workshops

JMC Academy provides courses in the creative industries in music, songwriting, audio engineering, film and television production, entertainment business management, games, 3D animation and digital design. It will hold the following workshops at its Brisbane campus located at 75 Grey Street, South Brisbane.

Saturday 5 September 2015

- Music, Audio and Entertainment Workshop
- Animation and Game Design Workshop (sold out)
- Film and Television Production Workshop (sold out)
Saturday 12 September 2015

- Motion Capture Workshop

Saturday 10 October 2015

- Music, Audio and Entertainment Workshop
- Animation and Game Design Workshop (sold out)
- Film and Television Production Workshops

These workshops are popular. Interested students should register to attend ASAP. Visit http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/workshops/brisbane-september-high-school-workshops for details.

News from the University of Queensland (UQ)

UQ Future Students Contact Centre – If you have questions about gaining entry to courses at UQ, you can contact this centre on tel: 3346 9872 or email: ask@uq.edu.au.

Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) – High achieving Year 11 students are invited to apply for this program which enables them to study a UQ subject in semester one of Year 12. Applications are now open and will close on 30 October 2015. Details of the program can be accessed at http://www.uq.edu.au/esp/.

Gatton campus Open Day – This event will be held from 9.30 am – 3 pm on Sunday 16 August 2015. Read about the open day activities at http://future-students.uq.edu.au/open-day/gatton. Register to attend for your chance to win $500.

New courses at Gatton campus – The following courses will be offered in semester one 2016 at the Gatton campus.


The prerequisites for all of these courses are English (4, SA) and Maths A or B (4, SA). The B Applied Science and B Agribusiness/B Applied Science have been withdrawn for 2016.

New B Mathematics in 2016 - UQ’s new three-year B Mathematics offers majors in Applied Mathematics, Data Analytics and Operation Research, Mathematical Physics, Pure Mathematics and Statistics. Dual qualifications with Arts, Commerce, Economics, Education (Secondary), Science and Engineering are available. The prerequisites are

**New B Advanced Finance and Economics (Honours)** – This program is aimed at high achieving school leavers with strong maths and language skills. Approximately 50 places will be available in the course for Semester one 2016. Prerequisites are English (4, SA) and Maths B or C (4, SA). Find out more at http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad_prog=2402&year=2016.

**Queensland University of Technology (QUT) news**

**Caboolture campus open day** - This event will be held on Sunday 16 August 2015. Find out more at https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/caboolture-campus-open-day (check out the prizes!).

**B Pharmacy is now part of the OP Guarantee Scheme** – Under QUT’s OP Guarantee Scheme, students who get OP 1 – 5 (rank 93 or better; IB score of 33 or better) are guaranteed an offer of a course place in the major offer round in courses that are included in this scheme. As of 2016 the B Pharmacy will be included in the program. Read about the OP Guarantee Scheme at https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/op-guarantee.

**Pop-up fashion store** - Fleet Store is an annual retail fashion pop-up store. This year it will be held from 21 – 27 August 2015 at the State Library of Queensland. The store is initiated, created, and managed by QUT fashion and business students. Find out more at https://www.facebook.com/Thefleetstore.

**New human services/business double degree** – The B Human Services/B Business double degree will commence in Semester one 2016. This skill combination will provide more job opportunities across the public and private sectors for graduates. Visit https://www.qut.edu.au/study/courses/bachelor-of-human-services-bachelor-of-business for more information.

**Meeting B Education prerequisites** – From 2016 courses in early childhood, primary and secondary education will have subject prerequisites. The webpage at https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/prerequisite-subjects provides a list of these prerequisites as well as alternative ways of meeting them.

**Selected career and course events in August 2015**

12 - Mackay Careers Expo at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre
12 - Maranoa Careers Expo at Roma
13 - Moranbah Careers Expo at Moranbah State High School
13 - St George Careers Expo at the Skill Centre, St George


16 - University of Southern Queensland Open Day at Toowoomba campus [http://www.usq.edu.au/study/open-day](http://www.usq.edu.au/study/open-day)

16 - Queensland University of Technology Open Day at Caboolture campus [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/caboolture-campus-open-day](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/caboolture-campus-open-day)


23 - University of Southern Queensland Open Day at Springfield campus [http://www.usq.edu.au/study/open-day](http://www.usq.edu.au/study/open-day)


**University of Southern Queensland (USQ) updates**

**Non-QCS student events** - USQ will hold Pump Program motivational events for Year 12 students not sitting for the Queensland Core Skills Test. The programs will be held on:

- 1 September 2015 at the Toowoomba campus
- 2 September 2015 at the Ipswich campus.


**Open days in Toowoomba and Springfield** – These events will be held on:

- 16 August 2015 - University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba campus
- 23 August 2015 - University of Southern Queensland, Springfield campus

Visit the open day website at [http://www.usq.edu.au/openday](http://www.usq.edu.au/openday) for details. You can register to attend these days to be in the running to win prizes.

**University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) Headstart Information Evenings**

Headstart is a program that gives Year 11 and 12 students the chance to experience university by studying USC subjects while still at high school. Applications for Semester one 2016 close on 30 October 2015. The information evenings will be held on:

• 9 September 2015 at the Sippy Downs campus


Updates from Griffith University

Continuing Education Certificates – These provide a pathway to Griffith undergraduate degree courses. Entry is not based on OP or Rank. Certificate students study part-time over two semesters in subjects related to their preferred degree program. Find out more at https://www.griffith.edu.au/pathways/alternative-entry/continuing-education-certificates.

Qld Conservatorium’s Musical Theatre Summer School 2016 - If you are passionate about musical theatre, you will love this week of singing, dancing, acting and performance. It will be held from 17 – 22 January 2016. Find out more at http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/musical-theatre/high-school-and-community-programs. Applications open soon.

Aptitude for Engineering Assessment examination – This exam provides a pathway into Griffith’s B Engineering or the B Engineering Technology at either the Nathan or Gold Coast campuses. Registrations to sit the exam close on 7 September 2015. For more information, visit http://www.griffith.edu.au/engineering-information-technology/griffith-school-engineering/future-students/aptitude-engineering-assessment.

What’s uni like? – This page on the Griffith website at https://www.griffith.edu.au/future-students/high-school-students/whats-university-like provides information to help you transition from high school to university. It has links to a guide for preparing for university, key university terms and available support services.
APPEA 2016 Oil and Gas Industry Engineering Scholarships

The Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) offers two scholarships each year to encourage engineering students looking to enter the oil and gas industry. One scholarship is specifically available for Aboriginal Australians. Applications close on Friday 21 August 2015. Details are available at http://www.appea.com.au/about-appea/appea-scholarships/.

Applying for university scholarships

Even if you think you may not get one, go ahead and apply for a scholarship. What do you have to lose? Scholarships tend to fall into one of the following categories:

- Academic
- Equity
- Indigenous
- Sports
- Field of study (e.g. engineering, IT)
- International
- External (e.g. sponsored by an organisation outside of the university)

Every university website has a scholarship web page with details about the scholarships available, the value of the scholarship, the selection criteria and the application process. The initial application for many university scholarships is online, followed by a submission of supporting documents.

Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) Scholarships and Bursaries

AVCAT is a national independent charity that helps the children and grandchildren of ex-service men and women with the costs of full-time tertiary education. Scholarships and bursaries offered by AVCAT include:

- AVCAT Scholarships (various) – Awarded to children and grandchildren of ex-service men and women who are commencing university or are currently attending university as a full-time student.
- AVCAT Commemorative Bursary - This special bursary is valued at $15,000 and aims to financially assist an Australian veteran’s child as they pursue their university studies.
• Long Tan Bursary - Awarded to a descendent of an Australian veteran who served in the Vietnam War during the period of 31 July 1962 to 30 April 1975. Applications open on 18 August 2015 and close on 31 October 2015. Applicants need only complete one application form to be considered for all scholarships and bursaries available through AVCAT. Visit http://www.avcat.org.au/ for more information.

Northparkes Mines 2016 Indigenous Scholarships

These scholarships allow successful applicants to study a wide range of courses aligned to the mining industry, including:

• **Non-Technical Careers** – Nursing; Occupational Health/Safety/Science; Physiotherapy; Accounting; Environmental Science; Community Relations; Human Resources/Training
• **Technical Careers** - Mining Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Mechanical Engineering; Metallurgy; Geoscience.

Applications for this scholarship are now open and will close on 31 January 2016. For more information and to download an application, go to http://www.northparkes.com/scholarships.aspx. Other Indigenous scholarships can be found on the Aspiration Initiative website at http://theaspirationinitiative.com.au/.

Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme: Undergraduate

The scheme is an Australian Government initiative to support students studying an accredited nursing or midwifery course, which on completion will enable them to practice as an enrolled nurse, registered nurse or midwife. Applications close on Monday 21 September 2015. For more information, see http://www.acn.edu.au/nahsss_ug.

Peggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme

The aim of this scheme is to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with professional health qualifications. Applications for this scholarship are now open and will close on 12 October 2015 for studies commencing in 2016. See http://www.acn.edu.au/phmss for more information.

The 2016 University of Queensland (UQ) academic scholarships are open

The university wide academic scholarships available at UQ for Year 12 students are:

• UQ Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships (awarded to applicants achieving at the very top of the OP1 band or equivalent) valued at $12,000 per year for up to five years
UQ Excellence Scholarships (awarded to OP 1 applicants who demonstrate outstanding academic leadership and/or community service achievements during their senior secondary studies) valued at $6,000 for up to four years.

UQ Merit Scholarships (awarded to OP 1 – 3 applicants who demonstrate significant academic, leadership and/or community service) valued at $6,000 for the first year of study.

All three scholarships can be applied for on the one application. Applications close at 5 pm on 31 October 2015. Specific information about these scholarships and the application process can be found at [http://scholarships.drupal.uq.edu.au/program/uq-academic-scholarship-program](http://scholarships.drupal.uq.edu.au/program/uq-academic-scholarship-program).

**Tips for applying for university scholarships**

The following are tips to help you maximise your chance of gaining a scholarship:

- Apply for all the scholarships you are eligible for
- Read the information on the university's scholarship web page
- Follow the directions exactly and answer all parts of each question
- Include all documents requested
- Ensure that written applications are readable and provide examples to back up attributes and achievements
- Start preparing your application early
- Collect ideas for your application over time – start with dot points
- Do drafts of your application – get feedback (see your guidance officer/counsellor)
- Ask referees for supporting statements early, not at the last minute. They are usually very busy people
- When required, include examples of personal attributes and achievements such as:
  - Awards gained
  - Leadership (including coaching)
  - Volunteering and other community participation
  - Teamwork (sport, work, etc.)
  - Initiative.
- Include your career aspirations and how the university course can help you achieve them
- Submit your application by the due date.

**University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Future Community Leader Scholarships**

In 2016, USQ will offer ten Future Community Leader Scholarships for students commencing full-time study at USQ. These scholarships are offered in recognition of students’ participation in the community and to provide maximum opportunity for them to start tertiary study at one of USQ’s campuses. The scholarships are valued at
$6,000 each. Applications must be received at the USQ Scholarships Office by 5 pm on Friday 28 August 2015. Read about the scholarships at http://www.usq.edu.au/scholarships/usq/future-community-leader.

Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

These scholarships are now open. They include:

- Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships (Academic) – applications close on 20 November 2015 (110 scholarships worth $30,000 each and 37 scholarships worth $10,000 each)
- Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships (Creative Industries) – no application process required as recipients are chosen from the pool of Creative Industries course applications (16 scholarships worth $10,000 each)
- Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships (Elite Athlete) – applications close on 20 November 2015 (8 scholarships worth $30,000 and 12 scholarships worth $10,000)

To find out more, visit https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/undergraduate-scholarships.
Selected upcoming Gap year program events

- 18 August - YFU Student Exchange online information session
- 19 August - Projects Abroad ‘High School Projects’ webinar
- 20 August - Camp America information session in Brisbane
National Science Week

In 2015 Science Week will be held from 15 – 23 August. Visit the website at http://www.scienceweek.net.au to find Science Week activities near you. The website has lots of resources and ideas for holding your own Science Week event.

National Skills Week 24 – 30 August 2015

The theme this year is ‘The Magical Mystery Tour of Skills’. Its aim is to highlight the opportunities and career pathways available through Vocational Education and Training (VET). Visit the website at http://www.nationalskillsweek.com.au/ to view the list of activities organised for the week.
‘Green’ jobs


Global social interest in addressing environmental issues, along with responses by government regulators and industry, are creating jobs in a growing ‘green collar sector’. This term refers to employment opportunities loosely related, but not limited, to the climate change, energy and sustainability arenas.

Evolving key green areas are likely to create demand for graduates in roles such as economists, mathematicians, marketers, public relations experts, legal professionals, scientists, engineers and designers. Example areas include:

- Renewable energy generation and design (including solar, tidal, geothermal and landfill gas power sources)
- Environmental impact assessment
- Energy management and distribution
- Carbon capture, storage, mitigation and management
- Climate change strategy and adaptation (e.g. the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, or CPRS)
- Public transport infrastructure development
- Manufacturing developments (e.g. electric cars)
- Building design and construction
- Engineering design
- Public policy and legislative development
- Advertising and marketing of green/environmentally sensitive initiatives
- ‘Greening’ of existing companies and their practices
- Community engagement.

Virtual scientists – Learn about careers in research science

Meet research scientists who work in the fields of animal science, environmental management, mathematics, biological science, astrophysics, ecology, occupational health and safety, plant science, earth science, nanotechnology and food science at http://www.science.uq.edu.au/virtual-scientists.
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 19 August 2015. Visit http://www.acap.edu.au/ to register your attendance.

Aviation Australia Information Night

Aviation Australia offers training for those wishing to be Aircraft Maintenance Engineers or Flight Attendants. It will hold a Flight Attendant careers session at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 9 September 2015. For more information and to register to attend, visit http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/flightattendant/Open-Night.php.

Aviation Careers Expo

This event will be held from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday 22 August 2015 at Aviation Australia, 25 Boronia Road, Brisbane International Airport Precinct. The Aviation Careers Expo has a strong focus on careers, training and employment. Find out more and register to attend at http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/expo/.

Bond University Medicine and Biomedical Science Information Evening

This event will be held from 6 – 8 pm on Thursday 20 August 2015 at Bond’s Gold Coast campus. It is an opportunity to gain information about study pathways and career opportunities in the health industry. The event will also include information about the application procedure for Bond’s medicine intake for May 2016. Register to attend at https://bond.edu.au/event/46396/gold-coast-medicine-biomedical-science-information-evening.

Christian Heritage College (CHC) Open Day

CHC is a Christian college located at Carindale, Brisbane. It offers degree courses in the fields of Business, Education and Humanities, Social Sciences and Ministries. It will hold its 2015 Open Day on Saturday 22 August. Visit the open day site at http://www.chc.edu.au/index.php/future-students/open-day/ to download an open day program. You can register for open day updates and be in the running to win one of two $200 movie vouchers, drawn on the day.
CQUniversity (CQU) Open Days

CQU will hold open days on the following dates in 2015:

- 15 August - CQUniversity, Mackay campus
- 20 August - CQUniversity, Brisbane campus
- 20 August - CQUniversity, Noosa campus
- 23 August - CQUniversity, Rockhampton campus
- 29 August - CQUniversity, Cairns campus
- 29 August - CQUniversity, Townsville campus
- 6 September - CQUniversity, Gladstone campus
- 10 September – Virtual open day.

Find out more about these events at [https://cquniverse.cqu.edu.au/opendays/](https://cquniverse.cqu.edu.au/opendays/). Register on this site to receive updates about your selected Open Day and go in the draw to win an Apple Watch Sport 38mm.

Feel Good Sciences Information Evening

The Australian Institute of Applied Sciences (AIAS) will hold an information evening featuring the ‘Feel Good’ careers in health, beauty, natural medicine and massage therapy from 5 pm on Tuesday 18 August 2015 at its Stones Corner campus. Find out more and RSVP at [http://www.aias.edu.au/about/upcoming-events/info-evening](http://www.aias.edu.au/about/upcoming-events/info-evening). People attending the evening will receive a free $20 clinic voucher.

James Cook University Open Days

As well as checking out the campuses, gathering information about courses and meeting current students, you can win a $1000 student flight voucher when you attend a JCU open day. These events will be held on:

- 23 August 2015 at the Cairns campus
- 30 August 2015 at the Townsville campus.


New York Film Academy (NYFA) Australia Gold Coast open house

NYFA invites students interested in filmmaking or acting to its open house from 12 – 2 pm on 22 August 2015. Students under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Go to [https://www.nyfa.edu.au/nyfa-events/](https://www.nyfa.edu.au/nyfa-events/) to RSVP.

TAFE Queensland SkillsTech Open Day – Be a doer for a day

This event will be held from 10 am – 2 pm on Thursday 27 August 2015 at the Acacia Ridge Campus. On the day you can participate in Try’A Trade activity, see Worldskills Queensland Regional Competitions, go on a self-guided tour and gather trade and
Think Education colleges – Festival of Change

If you are looking for career inspiration and you are interested in the fields of business, design, health, hospitality, tourism and/or beauty, this could be a useful event to attend. It will be held on Saturday 22 August 2015 at 90 Bowen Terrace, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. Activities during the event include motivational speakers, workshops and demonstrations. The website at http://www.think.edu.au/festival-of-change/brisbane provides a list of events. Registration is required. The Think Education colleges in Brisbane are:

- APM College of Business and Communication http://www.apm.edu.au/
- Billy Blue College of Design http://www.billyblue.edu.au/
- Australasian College of Natural Therapy http://www.acnt.edu.au/
New QTAC Video

If you are nervous about submitting a QTAC application, check out the new QTAC video ‘Applying for study? Don’t be nervous!’ on Twitter at https://twitter.com/qtacinfo for handy tips.

What level of qualification should I apply for?

There are different levels of qualifications you may be eligible to apply for at the end of Year 12. Which level is the best for you? The following information may help with your decision-making.

Bachelor Degree

- Length: Usually 3-5 years full-time
- Content: Usually theoretical
- How competitive: Entry is usually competitive. May need to meet prerequisites

Associate Degree/Advanced Diploma

- Length: Usually 2 years full-time
- Content: Combination of theory and practice
- How competitive: May need to meet prerequisites. May need to complete a diploma first

Diploma

- Length: Can be 1-2 years duration full-time depending on the institution and the course
- Content: Tends to be practical with some theory
- How competitive: Entry to most diplomas is not competitive although there are some diplomas that are very competitive. May need to meet prerequisites

Certificate I, II, III, IV

- Length: 1 month - 1 year full-time
- Content: Usually very practical
- How competitive: Usually not competitive

To decide on the best level of qualification for you, consider the following.
The study/training requirements of the job you want.
Your previous study results.
Whether you are a hands-on or theory person.
The cost of the course.
The length of time you are prepared to study.
Home/life factors that may impact on your study success.

In effect, you need to choose a manageable study program that suits your immediate and long-term career goals.

**You only have a few more weeks to log into your Learning Account to win an iPad Airs**

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) is offering Year 12 students the chance to win one of three iPad Airs. All you have to do is log into your Learning Account before 31 August 2015. You will need your LUI (Learner Unique Identifier) and password to log in. If you don't know your LUI, ask your school for it. See [https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au/12851.html](https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au/12851.html) for more information.
Forgetting

Forgetting takes place most rapidly shortly after you stop studying a subject. The greatest loss is within a few hours. The speed with which you forget gradually slows down as time goes on. This is why it is more effective to do your revision over a number of weeks, rather than the night before the exam. Plan your review of material to start the first day after it is acquired, a second time about a week after that, and finally a few weeks later. See [https://uwaterloo.ca/counselling-services/curve-forgetting](https://uwaterloo.ca/counselling-services/curve-forgetting) for information about the Curve of Forgetting.
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