



Guidance News Senior School

QCS – Special Provisions

Now Open and closes on 21 May

QCS – Special Provisions 2019

Do you need special provisions for the QCS Test?

Are you eligible?

You should apply for special provision if you have:

1. A diagnosed medical condition or an impairment
2. Exceptional circumstances that prevent you from sitting the test.

Please see Mr Jones in J block to discuss further or use the following link to check your eligibility and provisions available.

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/qcs-test/special-provision>

Support for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pathways run across Australia and were once the main form of travel and exchange. Pathways are not only areas of physical movement, but also places where knowledge and meaning flow.

On this page, you'll find information that will help young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in consultation with their families and communities, consider a range of options for making deadly pathways after school.

If you have an initiative, such as an educational or career pathway or support service that you would like considered for inclusion in this page of our website, please email deadlypathways@qcaa.qld.edu.au.

Financial support Government support

Did you know that the Australian government provides financial support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students undertaking further education and training?

- [ABSTUDY](#) provides financial help to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who are studying or undertaking an Australian apprenticeship.

Scholarships

Did you know that there are scholarships available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people that can help pay for further education and training and/or living expenses while studying?



- The [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme](#) offers three scholarships each year for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students wishing to study pharmacy.
- The [Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme](#) offers financial assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying towards an entry-level qualification in an eligible health-related discipline at an Australian university or TAFE (certificate IV and above).
- Each of Queensland's universities offers awards and scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

University & TAFE support

There are support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at [TAFE and at each of Queensland's universities](#).

- [Australian Catholic University](#) — the [Indigenous Higher Education Units](#) provide social, cultural, personal and academic support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
- [CQUniversity](#) — The Office of Indigenous Engagement encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to take up every opportunity for success. This includes applying for and asking for assistance where needed. Tutoring can also be arranged for students in an undergraduate program.
- [Griffith University](#) — The [GUMURRII Unit](#) can help students choose a course of study, enrol, and apply for grants and scholarships. The university's Hands Up! Tertiary Preparation program assists first year students to adapt to university life and improve their academic skills in a relaxed and supportive environment.
- [James Cook University](#) — The [Indigenous Student Support Services](#) unit provides financial and study support services for students.
- [Queensland University of Technology](#) — [Oodgeroo Unit](#) staff members provide one-on-one support for students who gain entry to the university through the Oodgeroo Alternative Entry Program.
- [The University of Queensland](#) — The [Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit](#) provides personal and academic support services.
- [University of Southern Queensland](#) — The [College for Indigenous Studies, Education and Research \(CISER\)](#) supports students before and during their studies at the university.
- [University of the Sunshine Coast](#) — The [Indigenous Services](#) team provides a range of support services, including an orientation program, tutorial assistance scheme and Indigenous Alternative Entry Program.

Employment support

Did you know that there are employment programs and support services available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait young people?

Apprenticeships, traineeships and cadetships

- The [Aboriginal Employment Strategy](#) offers mentoring support and apprenticeship and traineeship services to students.

Banking

- Some banks such as the [ANZ](#), [Commonwealth Bank](#) and [NAB](#) offer traineeship programs for Indigenous students.



Health

- The [Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association website](#) contains information and answers frequently asked questions about becoming a doctor.
- [Nurse Info](#) outlines career opportunities within nursing, domestically and internationally, in urban and regional settings.

Public sector

- The [Australian Public Service Commission](#) is responsible for the Commonwealth Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy, which aims to build Indigenous employment within the Commonwealth public sector.

Starting your own business

- [Indigenous Business Australia](#) provides information, loans and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people starting their own business.

Jobs and careers websites

- [GenerationOne](#) has information on mentoring, business, employment, community and education opportunities and programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- The [Koori Mail](#) posts job vacancies and graduate employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The [National Indigenous Times](#) posts job ads for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from the print editions of the National Indigenous Times

Year 12 Coffee Mornings – Term 2

Please be aware of the following University Coffee Mornings for all Year 12 students. These sessions will run before school from 8:15am – 9:00am and will be a great opportunity for students to discuss University courses and scholarships. More information to come.

17 May – UQ

23 May – SCU

31 May – Griffith

7 June – BOND

21 June - QUT



Scholarships

University/Institution	Dates
Bond University	https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/how-apply/scholarships
Griffith University	https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships
Southern Cross University	https://www.scu.edu.au/scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships/
Gold Coast TAFE	https://scholarships.tafeqld.edu.au/
Study Queensland	https://www.studyqueensland.qld.gov.au/Study/Scholarships
Good University Guide Scholarships	https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/scholarships
Queensland University of Technology Gardens Point Campus	https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships
University of Queensland	https://scholarships.uq.edu.au/
SAE Creative Media Institute Brisbane	https://sae.edu.au/admissions/scholarships/

Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships – Message from Karen Andrews MP

Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships program are now open and would encourage you to promote this scholarship program to your students.



Eligible students could benefit from up to \$18,000 towards the cost of studying an eligible university or vocational education course.

The second round saw scholarships offered to students on the Gold Coast undertaking undergraduate, postgraduate and Vocational Education and Training (VET) science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) courses.

Round three has been expanded to include all areas of study, and I hope there will be a record number of applications from across the Gold Coast.

The scholarships cover courses ranging from certificate IV through to PhD level, with support for those seeking flexible study arrangements, as well as providing \$500 for students undertaking an internship to ensure they are job-ready.

I encourage all prospective students living on the Gold Coast who need financial support to gain a tertiary qualification or undertake further study to apply.

Applications for the third round close on 14 June 2019.

For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.education.gov.au/rural-and-regional-enterprise-scholarships>

University Co-op Scholarships Guide

These scholarships offer much more than just money. You'll get access to exclusive mentoring, work experience, leadership programs, and other benefits to make your transition to uni easier, like a relocation allowance, gym membership, and accommodation support. And while some of these programs are highly competitive, you'd be surprised at how achievable scoring one of the scholarships could be, so if you've worked hard at school check out what's available.

We've checked with every single university across Australia to bring you the details you need:

- How to apply
- Eligibility Criteria
- How much you could get
- Application deadlines

Please go to:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/e471f7cf4840e0648d2559ba0/files/d9b4cac2-fb66-4920-a0de-f3b3ca5acbef/University_Co_op_Scholarships.pdf



Open Days/Events

University/Event	Dates
Bond University Open Day	Saturday 27 July 2019 https://bond.edu.au/open-day
Bond University Headstart Day Yr10 and yr11 students experience uni life for a day	TBA by Bond Uni – held on student free day for QLD Education. https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/see-yourself/headstart-day
Griffith University Open Day Gold Coast, South Bank, Nathan	Sunday 11 August 9am – 2pm https://www.griffith.edu.au/open-day
Southern Cross University	Sunday 18 August 2019 https://www.scu.edu.au/study-at-scu/info-days/
Gold Coast TAFE	June 19 2018 (Tuesday) TAFE Queensland Southport Information Session Southport Campus 4pm-7pm August 10th 2018 (Friday) TAFE Queensland Ashmore Trades Open Day Ashmore 4pm-7pm
Gold Coast Careers Expo Gold Coast Event Centre, Bundall	Wednesday 15 May 9am – 6pm Thursday 16 May 9am – 3pm https://www.studygoldcoast.org.au/careers/careers-festival/
Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) Brisbane, Royal ICC Showgrounds	Saturday 20 and 21 July, 10am – 4pm http://www.careersevent.com/tsxpo/
Queensland University of Technology Gardens Point Campus	Sunday 28 July, 9am – 3pm https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day
University of Queensland	Sunday 4 August, 9am – 3pm https://future-students.uq.edu.au/open-day
SAE Creative Media Institute Brisbane	9 th May in BRISBANE 6pm – 8pm https://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/info-night-brisbane-campus-may-9-2019/?date=2019-05-09&id=749



2019 Gold Coast Careers Festival

Wednesday 15 May - 9:00am - Thursday 16 May 3:00pm

Gold Coast Event Centre Bundall

The annual Gold Coast Careers Festival is the largest and most comprehensive careers event on the Gold Coast and one of the largest in Queensland.

2019 Gold Coast Careers Festival event times:

Wednesday 15 May 9am – 6pm

Thursday 16 May 9am – 3pm

VENUE:

Gold Coast Event Centre, Bundall (adjacent to the Gold Coast Turf Club)

Free car parking available.

With over 60 exhibitors, including some of the city's biggest employers, the Gold Coast Careers Festival draws thousands of career seekers every year. Explore your study pathways and career opportunities with practical advice from industry professionals and education experts.

This free event features dynamic, interactive displays and presentations with representatives from South East Queensland's finest education and training providers including Griffith University, Bond University, Southern Cross University, UQ, QUT, TAFE Queensland and many others.

The Gold Coast Careers Festival is presented by Study Gold Coast.

For enquiries, contact Study Gold Coast on 07 5556 6100 or [email us](#)

2020 Senior Pathways Information

Please be aware of important resources for all senior pathway students, parents and guardians.

Career planning resources

Career Exploration

- **Myfuture** - <https://myfuture.edu.au/> is a comprehensive career and education website that help students explore career options based on their skills and interests.
- **Job Outlook** – <https://joboutlook.gov.au/> is an Australian Government website providing information about Australian careers, labour market trends and employment projections, covering around 350 individual occupations. It includes an interactive Career Quiz that helps to identify work styles and suggests careers options.
- **Open Colleges** <https://www.opencolleges.edu.au/careers> contains career information, links and resources about career pathways and relevant online learning courses.
- **myPROFILER** <https://myprofiler.tafeqld.edu.au/> is a career profiling tool developed by TAFE Queensland that uses visual responses to stimulus to suggest career choices that match talents, skills and interests.
- **My Path** - <https://www.qtac.edu.au/atar-my-path/my-path>



Tertiary Information

- [Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) — processes applications for the majority of undergraduate courses at Queensland universities
- [My University](#) — information about Australian universities and other higher education providers
- [Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency](#) — Australia's independent national regulator of the higher education sector
- [Applying to university in Australia](#)
- The Good Universities Guide <https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/> is a course comparison website that helps students find courses, explore careers and search for scholarships at Australian universities, TAFEs and training colleges.
- [QILT - Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching](#) website helps you compare study experience & employment data from Australian higher education institutions.
- [Study Assist](#) — information for students about Australian Government assistance for financing tertiary study
- [Open Colleges Australia](#) contains information, links and resources to help you find the career pathway that's right for you.
- VET pathways into Griffith University <https://www.griffith.edu.au/apply/admission-pathways/vet>

Vocational Education and Training

- Apprenticeships and traineeships <https://www.qld.gov.au/education/apprenticeships>
- Apprenticeships Info <https://training.qld.gov.au/apprenticeshipsinfo> is a one-stop shop for information about apprenticeships and traineeships in Queensland.
- Australian Apprenticeships <https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/> provides information about Australian apprenticeships for employers, job seekers, school leavers and career advisers.
- Australian Apprenticeships Pathways <https://www.aapathways.com.au/> helps students find available apprenticeships and provides links to job pathways charts and job descriptions.
- The Group Training Australia website <http://www.grouptraining.com.au/home.html> is a directory of organisations offering traineeships and apprenticeships across the country.
- MySkills <https://www.myskills.gov.au/> provides information about vocational education and training and connects students with nationally accredited training providers.
- Queensland Skills Gateway <http://www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au/> contains everything students need to know about vocational education and training in Queensland, including courses, training providers, government funding and career pathways.

Workforce

- JobActive <https://jobsearch.gov.au/> includes job advertisements, information about training providers and tips on résumé writing and writing job applications.
- JobAccess <https://www.jobaccess.gov.au/home> contains information about disability employment services, including job advertisements, financial support for workplace modifications and support for finding or changing jobs
- [CareerOne](#) provides job listings, career advice, job hunting tips and company profiles designed to help you with your job search.



- [Australian JobSearch](#) helps you find jobs and career information.
- [Seek](#) contains an extensive listing of job vacancies, career development resources, training information and tips on how to look for and apply for jobs.

Other resources

- [Student Connect](#)
- [Study Queensland](#) — information for international students on Queensland study opportunities, universities, programs, courses, visa procedures, costs, lifestyle and Australian education contacts worldwide
- [Queensland Ombudsman](#) — independently reviews the administrative actions of state government agencies
- [Australian Qualifications Framework](#) — national framework for all regulated qualifications in Australian education and training

Parent information

- <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/parents-carers/senior/pathway-planning>
- <https://www.griffith.edu.au/apply/admission-pathways/vet>

Year 12 Students wanting to do Medicine or Dentistry at UQ in 2020 please be aware that the UMAT Admissions Test will be replaced by UCAT in 2019

Beginning with current Year 11's, all applicants intending to sit the UMAT in 2019 for entry to university in 2020 will need to sit the new University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT). From 2019 onwards, the UMAT test will be discontinued.

UCAT will become be a mandatory admissions test for the Doctor of Medicine (provisional entry) and Dental Science at The University of Queensland.

The registration for the UCAT will open in March 2019 and close in mid-May. The UCAT will be offered on a choice of dates throughout the month of July, rather than on one single date.

The test consists of five, separately timed, subtests:

- Verbal Reasoning
- Decision Making
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Abstract Reasoning
- Situational Judgement Test

For more information about the new test, including testing dates and format visit [UCAT online](#).

Preparing for UCAT

UCAT ANZ have a number of preparation materials available to assist students in preparing for the UCAT - these include:

- Practice examinations (timed)
- An online, interactive tutorial that teaches students how to approach questions and useful test strategies
- An incredibly detailed bank of example questions

We strongly encourage students to use the officially produced materials. Candidates should be aware that whilst there are many commercial companies publishing books and



offering coaching for our tests, the UCAT ANZ Consortium does not work with any of these companies or endorse the use of their materials. Taking advantage of these opportunities can cost candidates a great deal of money and we would advise you to be sceptical about claims they can help you do well in the test by coaching.

You can find the official preparation materials [here](#).

UCAT Medical School Test Prep – Free Question Bank

Receive access to Kaplan's UKCAT Question Bank for free! It provides 3 full-length practice tests and over 2500 test-like practice questions. Use this resource to explore UCAT questions and provide your students with a head start in preparation for this test.

[Access it here](#)

Study Medicine Information Resource

Medical degree information is complex, it's hard to compare degrees and detect when details have changed.

The new [Study Medicine](#) website enables students to maximise their chance of becoming a doctor by providing details of the 57 direct entry medical degrees and degrees that lead to undergraduate or postgraduate medicine

You can find Study Medicine on Twitter, Facebook or email: admin@studymedicine.com.au

Find out more - <https://www.studymedicine.com.au>