

## Senior School Guidance Officer News

### QUT – Info Evening for Parents and Students

15 May | Gardens Point Campus

Parents/caregivers of high school students, as well as their child, are encouraged to attend our [Parent Information Seminar](#) on 15 May to find out about making course and career decisions.

Find out more - <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/parent-information-seminar>

### Endeavour College of Natural Health – Open Day

16 June, Brisbane and Gold Coast

Natural Health Open Day is an opportunity to be immersed in the Endeavour College experience. Speak with lecturers and students, find out all about our [Bachelor degree courses](#), explore our campuses, learn about [educational pathways](#) and study options, and find out if a career in natural health is for you.

Find out more - <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/open-day>

### Australian Catholic University Open Day

28 July - [Brisbane](#)

Come to Open Day and find out everything you need to know about studying at ACU.

Tour the campus, meet staff and students, discuss entry opportunities, and talk to experts about your study options and career goals.

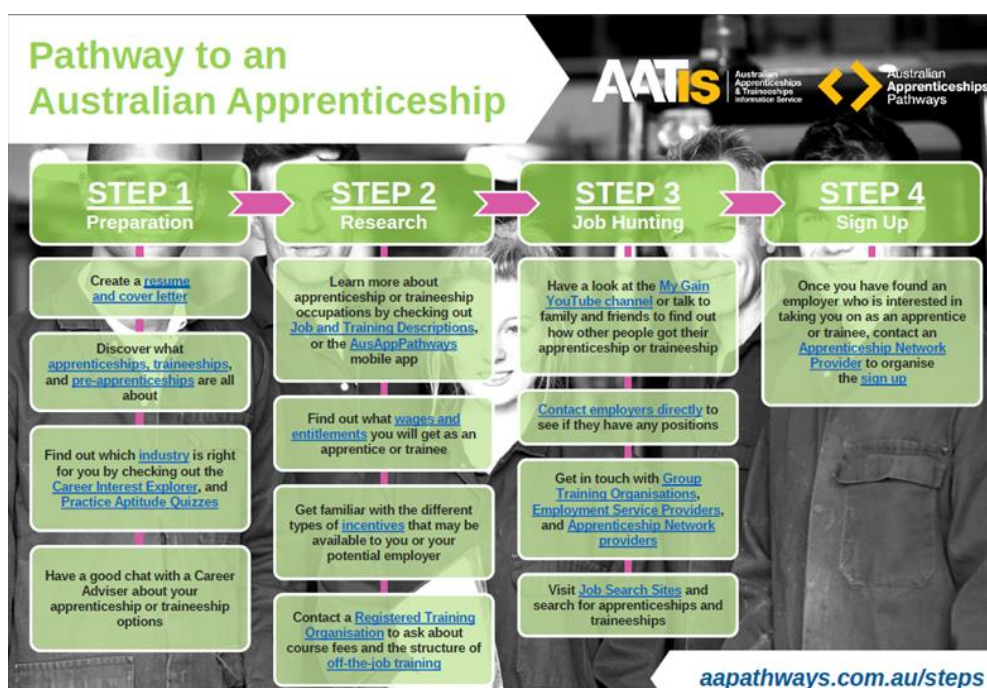
Find out more -

[http://www.acu.edu.au/student\\_experience/student\\_life/experience\\_uni\\_before\\_you\\_start/open\\_day](http://www.acu.edu.au/student_experience/student_life/experience_uni_before_you_start/open_day)

## TAFE, VET & Apprenticeships

### Australian Apprenticeships Pathways Updated Pathway Flowchart

The flowchart is a great resource for job hunters and students, demonstrating the steps involved to get an apprenticeship or traineeship.





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## Good Universities Guide to Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Read the guide - <https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/education-blogs/tertiary-study/pathways-your-guide-to-apprenticeships-and-traineeships>

## Competitions & Scholarships

### Study Abroad Scholarship

Apply for Crimson Education's first Study Abroad Scholarship! The student with the most outstanding application will win an extensive mentoring package connecting you to a team of 5-8 mentors from the world's top universities and \$500 cash to get you closer than ever to your dream university.

Applications **close June 1**

Find out more - <https://community.crimsoneducation.org/study-abroad-scholarship-2018/>

## Griffith University Uni-Start Equity Scholarships

The Uni-Start Equity scholarships are for students who have experienced financial hardship, and/or education disadvantage that has impacted on their ability to achieve their full potential.

Find out more - <https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships/scholarship-listings/uni-start-equity-scholarships>

### Resources, Guides & Other News

## Career Explorer Tool (from USQ)

Take 5 minutes to simply answer a few short questions to find career options based on your interests, talents and preferences. We'll also email you a copy of your results, so you can start exploring your career options.

Take the test -

[https://usqstudy.custhelp.com/ci/documents/detail/2/career\\_explorer\\_tool](https://usqstudy.custhelp.com/ci/documents/detail/2/career_explorer_tool)

## Australia's Booming Industries

SEEK has revealed the Australian industries that boomed in the last 12 months. We look to the data and speak to industry experts about the trends that will shape the year ahead.

Read the article - <https://insightsresources.seek.com.au/australias-booming-industries>

They've also got a resource that shows how hard it is for employers to fill jobs across lots of different industries - <https://insightsresources.seek.com.au/page/hard-to-fill-industries>

## Seek Free Resume Template

A winning resume is achievement-focused, beautifully formatted, keyword optimised, grammatically correct and... we could go on. Instead, we thought it would be more helpful to simply provide you with our first-ever, professionally-designed resume template.

Find it here - <https://www.seek.com.au/career-advice/free-resume-template>

## Optimising STEM Industry-School Partnerships – From Australia's Chief Scientist



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Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel AO, has prepared a report on the role of STEM in schools, focusing on how STEM is and should be taught, and how it will relate to the jobs of the future.

"Employers with the vision to invest in the future have the insight to look for **T-shaped individuals**, those who have **deep specialty skills** (the vertical pole of the T) and **broad enterprise skills** (the horizontal bar of the T). Take away the horizontal bar and you are left with an 'I' – lots of discipline knowledge but lacking the collaborative skills to contribute that knowledge effectively. Take away the vertical pole and you are left with a dash – possibly smart but always rushing off for the answers instead of being able to contribute to the discussion."

Read the [report here](#).

### **Job Spotlight**

## **Aged Care**

**As Australia's population ages, the demand for employees in the aged care sector is on the rise.**

### [Working in Aged Care – A Guide](#)

More jobs are being created across the board, with demand for a whole host of roles far beyond just nursing. The sector needs hospitality workers to clean group homes and prepare nutritious food for the elderly, pharmacy workers to fill the increasing number of medical scripts, transport workers and drivers to ferry older people around, and of course carers and nurses to ensure the older generation retains a better quality of life for as long as possible.

Let's face it, a lot of the money in Australia is tied up in the wealthy older generation, many of whom will require support and care as they age. And they've got the money to demand quality services and support, which is in-turn driving demand for qualified and unqualified workers across the industry. Choosing to enter a sector with growing demand is always a good way to increase your chances of getting a job, so let's look at the types of careers you can do as an aged care worker.

Working with the elderly can also be very rewarding – these people have built up a lifetime's worth of experience, and caring for them requires respect and patience. You're dealing with people and their families at a vulnerable time, and caring for them is a privilege.

**Salary Range:** Entry-level aged care workers currently earn around \$43,000 per year, but that figure doesn't tend to go up much even when you've been in the industry for 5 or more years. If you're looking for more, there are lots of other opportunities within the field, including management and senior administration roles, entrepreneurial opportunities for those in technology, hospitality or business, and your skills will be recognised in many countries overseas if travel is on your mind.

**Future Growth:** Job Outlook rate the growth as 'very strong', and unemployment is already below average.

### **Qualifications and skills required:**

A Cert II or III (or 1 year of relevant experience) is usually required, however if you'd like to get started there are often assistant positions available that you could combine with study.

### **What does the work look like?**

Aged carers provide support and assistance to elderly people to help them with their self-care and wellbeing. The care provided is usually physical and emotional, and you might work in an aged care facility, hospital, clinic, or in private homes. Your main role is



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to improve their quality of life wherever possible, so this doesn't mean simply doing things for them – you'll assist them to maintain their normal activities such as dressing, washing, socialising and eating in a way that gives them as much control as possible over their lives.

### **Should I work in aged care?**

Aged care can be demanding, and the best people are equipped with bucket-loads of compassion and patience. You'll be dealing with lots of different people from different cultures, and you'll often see people when they're not at their best. Being active will help you with the physical demands of the job, and you'll gain a strong sense of satisfaction from helping others.

### **How do I get started?**

Your pathway will depend on your goal – there are lots of Aged Care Cert III courses available across Australia, but if you dream of becoming a nurse then you'll need to go to uni to study nursing.

There's lots of financial support for people to get into aged care and upskill – check out the [Federal Government's website](#) for lots of resources. There are also lots of nursing scholarships [available here](#).

There are thousands of courses, certificates and degrees available, and finding the right one is up to you. Here are some places to look:

- Your local TAFE – just about every TAFE Campus across Australia offers Aged Care courses.
- Private training providers offer courses in classrooms and online, just search for them on google – "*aged care [my location] courses*" but remember that unlike TAFE, many of these organisations are designed to make money, not just train students. Private providers often offer more flexible learning and a higher level of student support.
- Complete a nursing degree – just about every university offers nursing so search for degrees in your preferred location.

### **Resources –**

[Seek Learning](#)

[Student Edge](#)

[Blog – 7 things no one told you about working in aged care](#)

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