



Senior School Guidance Officer News

Year 12 University Coffee Mornings

For all year 12 students with an interest in attending University next year please be aware we have organised some university visits over the next few Friday mornings. University representatives will be here to spread word regarding their programs, open days, scholarship opportunities and entry requirements.

They will be in UV Block between 8am - 9am and will bring with them free coffee/tea/milo/juice as well as a wealth of information which is valuable to you and your peers.

This all starts this Friday with Southern Cross Uni, but the full schedule is:

May 18 – SCU
May 25 – Griffith
June 1 – BOND
June 8 – SCU
June 22 – UQ

Please do not miss these great opportunities

The Super Simple Resume Builder

Unless you are mega rich or content to live off welfare (not a good idea) then at one point or another you're going to need a job. And to get a job, chances are you're going to need a resume.

Creating a winning resume that accurately portrays your skills and experience can make a big difference to your chances of success.

It's easy to create a fantastic, professional resume in minutes with the Super Simple Resume Builder.

Find it here - <https://www.mhscareers.com/studentparentlogin.html>

Open Days & Info Sessions

Griffith STEM Showcase

Discover more about the exciting career opportunities available to students who study STEM disciplines and how Griffith University can help make those careers a reality. Join us for an interactive evening, hearing from Griffith University STEM researchers to gain an understanding of the exciting programs offered at our Brisbane, Gold Coast and Logan campuses.

Find out more - <https://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-sciences/stem-outreach/sciences-showcase>

Torrens University – Design & Technology Info Night

May 22 | Fortitude Valley Campus – Brisbane



We know choosing the right course is top priority and a BIG decision, that's why we make sure everyone is on deck to answer your questions at Info Night; lecturers, students, graduates, campus support staff and our Course & Careers Advisors.

Find out more - [http://www.torrens.edu.au/about/events-and-workshops - all](http://www.torrens.edu.au/about/events-and-workshops-all)

Torren University – Business Open Day

August 4 | Fortitude Valley Campus – Brisbane

Open Day is a great opportunity for you to discover the strong industry partnerships, the modern campus facilities and interactive online platforms that give our students the best possible academic experience and positive career outcomes.

Find out more - [http://www.torrens.edu.au/about/events-and-workshops - all](http://www.torrens.edu.au/about/events-and-workshops-all)

AIE – Online Experience Day

May 26

If you have ever wanted to study 3D animation, game design or VFX for film online with AIE then our Online Experience Day is an ideal opportunity to find out more!

Find out more - <http://www.aie.edu.au/oed>

SAE – Brisbane Study For A Day

June 23

Are you interested in studying **Animation, Audio, Graphic Design, Film, or Games?** Come and study with us for a day, and experience student life at our exciting Brisbane Campus! Learn from our industry-experienced academic staff and get hands-on training with actual coursework from our degree programs. Find out what student life is like at SAE!

Find out more - <https://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/>

The University Of Qld – Experience Science 2018

July 13 | UQ, St Lucia Campus

July 18 | UQ, St Lucia Campus

July 19 | UQ, St Lucia Campus

Experience Science is a free event that provides students in years 10 - 12 the opportunity to discover what studying science is like at UQ and how science is applied in industry and everyday life. The event is facilitated by experts from UQ and industry through a series of hands-on, interactive science workshops. All workshops are held at the UQ St Lucia campus.

Find out more - <http://www.science.uq.edu.au/expsci>

The University of Queensland – Tea & Tours: School of Architecture

June 21

Learn about socially responsible design, see 3D printers in action and tour the Fabrication Lab. We'll take you around the world in 80 seconds with our virtual reality headset, too! You can also walk through design studios and talk with current students about their architectural design projects.

Find out more - <https://www.eait.uq.edu.au/tea-tours-school-architecture>



Workshops & Courses

University of Queensland – School Holiday Robotics Workshops

We offer robotics workshops for primary and high school students during the school holidays.

Find out more - <https://www.eait.uq.edu.au/school-holiday-workshops>

University of Queensland – School Group Workshops

Whether you have a student group you'd like to bring on-campus, or you just want your students to experience what life at university is like, we offer a range of options for you and your students.

Find out more - <https://www.eait.uq.edu.au/school-group-workshops>

Griffith University Qld – Tertiary Music Preparation Workshop

July 2 – 6 | South Bank

Stand out from the pack at your audition with our Tertiary Preparation Workshop (TPW) program. If you're in your final years of High School and want to apply for entry to a university music degree, this program can help you better prepare for the theoretical and practical requirements of the audition process.

Find out more - <https://www.griffith.edu.au/arts-education>

UNYouth Australia – About Voice

UN Youth Voice is the flagship public speaking event for students in Years 7-10, now running at a national level.

Unlike any other public speaking competition, UN Youth Voice asks contestants to present their innovative solutions to some of the world's most prominent and pressing issues. The competition encourages initiative and sustainability, rewarding substance in speeches as well as speaking manner and structure.

Find out more - <https://unyouth.org.au/event/voice-national/>

UNYouth Australia – Pacific Project

Pacific Project 2018 is an exciting opportunity for 12 young leaders from around Australia to embark on a two-week tour of East Timor exploring the complex realities of development in one of our closest neighbours.

Find out more - <https://unyouth.org.au/event/pacific-project/>

UNYouth Australia – Aotearoa Leadership Tour

The Aotearoa Leadership Tour is an opportunity like no other to learn about indigenous rights and culture through a two-week tour of New Zealand.

Find out more - <https://unyouth.org.au/event/aotearoa-leadership-tour/>

Power of Engineering

[Brisbane High School Event](#) | Thursday, August 2

[Brisbane High School Event](#) | Thursday, October 25

The event will show girls that 'everything is possible' in their career, by giving them the chance to experience first-hand what an engineering career would be like.

Featuring hands on practical workshops and 'day in the life of' engineering experiences, the girls will get to try their hand at various engineering exercises and be inspired by successful women currently working in the engineering profession.

Find out more - <http://www.powerofengineering.org/new-events/>



Competitions & Scholarships

Bright Awards

Call for entries close 2 November

The Bright Awards celebrate students across Australia in Years 11-12 who are bringing their creative craft to life. Categories include Design, Photography, Games, Fashion and Animation.

Each winner will be awarded two major cash prizes: \$1,000 for themselves and \$3,000 for their school.

<https://brightawards.com.au/>

International College of Hotel Management – Entry Scholarships

ICHM is pleased to be able to offer three types of scholarships.

1. Australian students (including students at Australian International Schools overseas) and international students completing high school in Australia - For Entry in 2019
2. Indigenous Scholarships (with Bridging the Gap Foundation) - For July 2018, January 2019, July 2019
3. New Zealand students studying in NZ - For Entry in 2019

Find out more - <https://www.ichm.edu.au/admissions/ichm-entry-scholarships>

John Marsden & Hachette Australia Prize for Young Writers

An annual developmental award that is open exclusively to Australian secondary school students across the nation.

The prize recognises excellence in three creative writing categories: fiction, nonfiction and poetry.

Find out more - <http://expressmedia.org.au/programs/john-marsden-prize/>

Heywire Competition

The annual Heywire cycle begins with a storytelling competition - open to people aged 16-22, living in regional or rural Australia. Heywire encourages young people to tell stories about their life outside the major cities in text, photo, video or audio format.

Find out more - <http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/competition/>

National Youth Concerto Competition

The National Youth Concerto Competition (NYCC) is recognised as the most prestigious competition in Australia for string soloists aged up to 17 years.

Closing date June 30, 2018

Find out more - <http://www.qyo.org.au/2018/nycc/>

First Tech Challenge 2018/2019 - Robots

FIRST® Tech Challenge is designed for high school students to compete head to head, using a sports model. Teams are responsible for designing, building, and programming their robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams.

Find out more - <https://firstaustralia.org/programs/first-tech-challenge/>

GROK Learning – Challenge 2018

The Challenge is a programming competition open to all school students and teachers. The Challenge is unlike any other programming competition. We'll teach you how to program as we go along, rather than expecting you to be an expert already.



Starts July 30, 2018

Find out more - <https://groklearning.com/challenge/>

GROK Code Quest

Grok Code Quest is a friendly five-week competition where thousands of school students come together to learn to code. Teachers can sign up their students, and students competing individually at home are also welcome!

Find out more - <https://groklearning.com/codequest/>

National History Challenge

The National History Challenge is a research-based competition for students. It gives students a chance to be an historian, researching world history, examining Australia's past, investigating their community or exploring their own roots. It emphasises and rewards quality research, the use of community resources and effective presentation.

Closes 31 August

Find out more - <http://www.historychallenge.org.au/>

International Poetry Writing Competition

An annual poetry writing competition giving poets of all ages the opportunity to compete for over \$6,500 in prizes. Widely promoted to schools, libraries and the general community, this competition attracts local, interstate and global entries.

Closing Date – 27 July

Find out more - <http://www.ipswichpoetryfeast.com.au/competition.htm>

The Simpson Prize

The Simpson Prize is a national competition for Year 9 and 10 students. The competition encourages participants to focus on the significance of Anzac Day and to consider what Anzac Day means to them and to Australia.

Submit your entry by **Friday 9 November 2018**.

Find out more - <http://www.simpsonprize.org/>

ACMF National Song Writing Competition

Our annual National Song writing Competition is a nationwide initiative designed to encourage creativity and self-expression through song writing. "Song writing is a highly creative process.

Every year, every student from every school across Australia is invited to put pen to paper and enter their original song for a chance to win prize-money that can be allocated towards musical equipment and tuition.

Find out more - <http://acmf.com.au/national-songwriting-competition/>

HSC & University Information

Thinking about applying for uni overseas?

Read about Canberra student, Brendan, and his experience applying to Harvard with an ATAR

<https://ask.crimsoneducation.org/t/how-well-is-hsc-recognized-at-u-s-universities/787>

The University of Queensland – Enhanced Studies Program

The Enhanced Studies Program provides students with an opportunity to extend their knowledge and skills by completing one university subject during Year 12.



Find out more - <https://esp.uq.edu.au/>

Resources, Guides & Other News

QLD Fire and Emergency Services Role Suitability Quiz

Find the right role for you.

Take the quiz - <https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/employment/job-finder.html>

UQ Interaction Design Exhibit 2018

May 31 | Cultural Centre Southbank

Experience new ways to interact with digital technology in this rapidly evolving field at UQ's 2018 Interaction Design Exhibit! View interactive prototypes developed by UQ's Bachelor of Information Technology (User Experience Design) and Master of Interaction Design students from the course Physical Computing and Interaction Design Studio.

Find out more - <https://www.eait.uq.edu.au/uq-interaction-design-exhibit-2018>

What you can Learn from Essay Writing – TAFE Qld

Essays. Whether you are continuing straight from high school or a diploma or picking up where you left off a few years ago, you've probably had experience with essay writing. And as much as you hate them, they do serve a purpose.

Read more at - <https://tafeqld.edu.au/news-events/news-blogs/2016/essay-writing-learnings.html>

Tips for Dealing with Exam Stress – TAFE Qld

When exams are on, your head is full of information that you need to be able to recall and discuss to show a depth of understanding of the course material. The more details you recall and illustrate, the better your results will be.

Find out more - <https://tafeqld.edu.au/news-events/news-blogs/2016/tips-dealing-with-exam-stress.html>

11 Strategies to Help You Nail that Interview – TAFE Qld

Take a deep breath, settle down, concentrate on the questions and answers, remember these 11 interview strategies, and you'll nail it.

Read more at - <https://tafeqld.edu.au/news-events/news-blogs/2017/interview-strategies.html>

Day in the Life of a Firefighter

Butler Fire Station is the most northern career fire station in the metropolitan area. As with all fire stations, it is staffed by four shifts, and during each shift there are regular duties to be performed, as well as responding to emergencies.

C platoon took time out of their busy schedule to explain some more about what it is really like on shift as a firefighter. They explained that each shift is scheduled, however, this all changes if they are turned out to an emergency, this means that they need to be flexible, and ready to go in 90 seconds at any time.

Read the story -

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/recruitmentandtraining/recruitment/Pages/firefightercasestudy.aspx>



Queensland Police Selection Criteria

Applicants are considered for appointment as a Police Recruit in order of merit. The overall assessment of merit includes consideration of a wide range of characteristics, attributes, skills and abilities including:

- Life experience
- Work experience
- Education and qualifications
- Volunteer/Community service
- Verbal, non-verbal and written communication
- Assertiveness
- Personal qualities (e.g. trustworthiness, empathy, tolerance, responsibility)
- Conflict resolution skills
- Observation and decision-making skills
- Driving experience
- Health and fitness
- Interpersonal skills
- Problem solving and reasoning skills
- Computer skills
- Other applied policing skills

Find out more - <http://www.policerecruit.qld.gov.au/recruitEntry/>

Australian Federal Police Recruitment Hints and Tips

- **Start preparing early**, particularly to pass the fitness testing. While you will need to meet the standards of the Entry level Physical Competency Assessment to gain selection, you will be expected to meet the standards of a Physical Competency Assessment whilst at the College.
- Practice for the aptitude and psychometric testing. You can do this by undertaking some example tests on the [Revelian](#) website.
- Ensure that you are well rested and avoid alcohol before undertaking any of the gateways.
- At the assessment centre it's important to respond to the questions and scenarios as honestly as possible, to enable us the best opportunity to assess how you'd react in different situations.
- During timed tests, try to not spend too much time on any one question. If there is time remaining, you will be able to review the questions.
- Make sure you read about all the gateways to ensure you're prepared for the recruitment selection process and training program.
- Applicants will be presented with specific, realistic scenarios and behavioural questions to respond to in the interview.
- Preparation is essential. As with any job interview, applicants are encouraged to understand the role they are applying for and that of the broader AFP in Australia and internationally.

AFP Recruitment Facebook Group

Interested in the Australian Federal Police (AFP) as a career? Join this group and get all the updates and information on joining the #AFPfamily.

MHSCareers note: Even if you don't want to apply for the next few years, you'll gain an invaluable insight into the selection process of a top-level government organisation, and



could pick up on some of the common traps people fall into when applying through these complicated recruitment processes.

UPDATE – there are new roles being advertised soon.

Join the Group -

https://www.facebook.com/groups/242770709580143/?ref=pages_groups_card&source_id=148004722006806

FireFit Training Guide from NSW Fire and Rescue

Firefighting is a physically demanding occupation. Tasks include carrying heavy loads including personal protective equipment, handling temperature extremes, variable terrains and confined spaces, all of which impose unique physical and physiological demands upon firefighters.

The FireFit Training Guide is based on an eight to 12-week program, depending on each individual's fitness level, and is available to help eligible candidates prepare for the Fire & Rescue NSW Physical Aptitude Test (PAT).

Start training - <https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=9098>

What it takes to be a paramedic from Ambulance Victoria

Being a paramedic is about a lot more than lights and sirens, and rushing to help someone in need. Paramedics perform clinical procedures, administer drugs, maintain patient records and decide on the most appropriate medical facility where someone should be taken.

There are some key skills you need to be a good paramedic:

- A caring and empathetic nature and highly developed communications skills.
- The capacity to remain calm, think clearly and act quickly in stressful situations.
- Team work and self-reliance.
- Adaptability and resilience.
- The ability to follow instructions and guidelines.
- A good level of health and physical fitness.

Find out more - <https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/paramedics/become-a-paramedic/>

Info for Teachers

The Good Careers Guide 2018

[*The Good Careers Guide 2018*](#) uncovers the booming healthcare industry and the modern workforce. Plus, view all 400+ job descriptions, information on finding the right qualification, job searching and CV and interview tips.

The Guide is an essential resource when offering the best career advice to students and job seekers.

The University of Queensland – Pro Bono Educational Presentations

The High Schools Program run by the UQ Pro Bono Centre, involves law students researching, writing and delivering lessons and seminars to year 9 to 12 students. The seminars aim to build high school students' knowledge of nationally and internationally significant issues, enabling them to better disseminate the information made available to the public through the government, media and other organisations.

Find out more - <https://law.uq.edu.au/engagement/high-schools>



Job Spotlight

Graphic Designer

Graphic Designers are all about visual communication.

Making things 'look good' is much harder than it sounds. Good graphic designers use visual elements to deliver a compelling message in print or online. They know how to attract attention to the right things, distract from others, and can even manipulate viewers.

To be a graphic designer you need to master more than one thing:

1. You need to understand design fundamentals, including colour, form, shape, and you need to be able to visually turn ideas into reality
2. You'll also need to understand your audience, and a good grasp of marketing and sales will help you craft powerful messages
3. Lastly, it's essential that you can work with computer design software, often including social media, web development programs and programs like photoshop

Watch two videos on being a Graphic Designer -

[Graphic Design from Lynda](#)

[A Day in the Life of a Graphic Designer](#)

Salary range: around \$55,000 per year (source: [Seek Learning](#)), [PayScale](#) list a Senior Graphic Designers average income as \$68,509 per year

Qualifications Required: technically you don't need any qualifications to get started, just a good working knowledge of the Adobe Creative Suite and a portfolio. Many jobs expect you to have a VET level or higher qualification.

Here's how to get started

Learn how to use [Adobe Creative Cloud](#)

It's hard to believe that one set of software could be essential for a career, but that's the way it is. Granted, there are other programs around, but in general Adobe is the one they want.

If you're serious about becoming a Graphic Designer then start learning about Adobe right now. They have fantastic student packages. There are numerous tutorials out there, and you can find many of the best ones on [Lynda](#). They even have courses that will literally teach you to be a graphic designer. If you do go on to study Graphic Design, at least you'll have one of the main skills under control.

What does the work look like?

Expect every day to be different. Graphic Designers are expected to put together a huge range of materials including magazines, newspapers, brochures, leaflets, social media posts, website designs, emails, logos, letterheads and brand guidelines.

There are three main places you'll find Graphic Designers:

1. In-house designers work for a company and produce all their branding and marketing communications. You might work within a marketing team, including sales specialists and writers, or in a smaller company you might be responsible for just about all communications.
2. Agency designers work with many brands to deliver communication messages for clients. You may specialise in just producing one type of design (like social media posts) or you could handle everything the client needs. One day you could be working with Qantas, the next you could be working for a dog food company – expect lots of variety.
3. Freelance Graphic Designers work with companies, agencies, and other industry professionals such as website developers and copywriters. You could work on one big contract for an organisation, then move on to work with a range of smaller agencies – the work is unpredictable but varied and exciting.

Want to study Graphic Design?

There are loads of courses, and many of them can be studied online. The Design Institute of Australia recognise many courses – DIA recognition means that the course has been assessed by an independent body (DIA) as being appropriate to meet industry standards. Which is a fancy way of saying that employers know that graduates from those courses are qualified to the right standard.

You can find the full list here - <https://www.design.org.au/educationandcpd/dia-recognised-courses>

INSTITUTION	COURSE	DISCIPLINE	STATE
Deakin University	Bachelor of Design (Digital Technologies)	Digital Media	VIC
Deakin University	Bachelor of Design (Visual Communication)	Graphic Design	VIC
Deakin University	Bachelor of Design (3D Animation)	Digital Media	VIC
Edith Cowan University	Bachelor of Design	Graphic, Environmental & Spatial, Animation, Games & Interactivity	WA
Edith Cowan University	Bachelor of Design (Hons)	Graphic, Environmental & Spatial, Animation, Games & Interactivity	WA
Flinders University	Bachelor of Design and Technology Innovation	Design & Technology Innovation (Product Design)	SA
Hunter TAFE NSW	Diploma of Screen & Media (3D Animation & Digital Effects)	Digital Media Design	NSW
Hunter TAFE NSW	Diploma of Graphic Design	Graphic Design	NSW

North Metropolitan TAFE	Advanced Diploma of Graphic Design	Graphic Design	WA
Queensland College of Art, Griffith University	Bachelor of Design (Honours)	Design Management	QLD
Queensland University of Technology	Bachelor of Design (Honours) (Interactive and Visual Design)	Digital Media Design	QLD
RMIT University School of Media and Communication	Master of Design Futures	Design Management	Online
TAFE NSW Higher Education	Bachelor of 3D Art & Animation	Digital Media Design	VIC
The Gordon	Advanced Diploma of Graphic Design	Graphic Design	VIC
University of Melbourne	Bachelor of Design	Graphic Design	VIC
Torrens University BILLY BLUE	Bachelor of Communication Design	Graphic Design	NSW, QLD, VIC
Torrens University BILLY BLUE	Diploma of Graphic Design	Graphic Design	NSW, QLD, VIC, ONLINE
Torrens University BILLY BLUE	Bachelor of Branded Environments	Interior Design, Graphic Design	NSW
Torrens University BILLY BLUE	Diploma of Digital Media Design	Digital Media Design	NSW, VIC, QLD
Torrens University BILLY BLUE	Bachelor of Digital Media Design (3D Design and Animation)	Digital Media Design	NSW, VIC
Torrens University BILLY BLUE	Bachelor of Digital Media Design (Film and Video)	Digital Media Design	NSW
Torrens University BILLY BLUE	Bachelor of Digital Media Design (Interaction Design)	Digital Media Design	NSW, QLD
University of South Australia	Bachelor of Design (Visual Communication)	Graphic Design	SA
Virtu Design Institute Pty Limited	Advanced Diploma of Graphic Design	Graphic Design	Online



Coming Soon

Tuesday 15 May

[Defence Info Sessions](#)

[QUT Parent Info Seminar](#)

Wednesday 16 May

[Defence Info Sessions](#)

[More Defence Info Sessions](#)

Thursday 17 May

[Defence Info Sessions](#)

[Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Info Sessions 7:00pm](#)

Friday 18 May

[Young, Black & Deadly Scholarship Applications Close 5:00pm](#)

Saturday 19 May

[MedEntry UMAT \(2 days\) course](#)

Monday 21 May

[ADF Gap Year closing dates](#)

[Griffith Q&A Sessions](#)

[More Defence Info Sessions](#)