



## Senior School Guidance Officer Report

### QTAC is NOW OPEN!

If you are intending on going to University next year or deferring then you must complete a QTAC application. Please find attached information from the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). This will help you with your QTAC applications for University next year. Please note that in addition to this information you should have also received a QTAC guide. The guide has all the information you need to choose courses for next year. Application fee is \$43.

Website:

<https://www.qtac.edu.au/>

Courses/Institutions

<https://www.qtac.edu.au/courses-institutions>

Applying

<https://www.qtac.edu.au/applying>

Educational access scheme

<https://www.qtac.edu.au/applying/educational-access-scheme>

Information for parents

<https://www.qtac.edu.au/for-parents>

### University Scholarships







Bond University's Scholarship Program encompasses a range of awards available to Australian students at an undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Bond offers a number of full-fee and part-fee scholarships to the best and brightest applicants each semester and are designed to reward and encourage students who have excelled in the areas of academia, leadership, community and sporting.

**Scholarship applications for Year 12 Australian students will open on 1 June, 2018.**

For more information about Bond University's Scholarships, please visit <https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/how-apply/scholarships>

	<p>Griffith and its partners provide more than \$40 million annually, to support students as they complete their degrees. Over 600 scholarships are available to new and continuing students whose success at University would benefit from direct financial support.</p> <p>For more information about Griffith University's Scholarships, please visit <a href="https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships">https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships</a></p>
	<p>QUT want you to succeed in your studies. Their scholarships can help you achieve your best through financial support, work experience and exciting networking opportunities.</p> <p>Find the scholarship that takes your success to the next level.</p> <p>For more information about QUT's Scholarships, please visit <a href="https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships">https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships</a></p>
	<p>UQ offer a range of academic, research and excellence scholarships.</p> <p>For more information about UQ's Scholarships, please visit <a href="https://scholarships.uq.edu.au/">https://scholarships.uq.edu.au/</a></p>
 <p>Southern Cross University</p>	<p>Southern Cross University offers a range of scholarships for <a href="#">undergraduate (your first degree)</a>, <a href="#">postgraduate</a>, <a href="#">Indigenous Australian students</a>, <a href="#">international students</a> as well as <a href="#">Equity scholarships</a>. There are also <a href="#">scholarships available to help you study overseas</a> for a short period as an international exchange student.</p> <p>For more information about Southern Cross University's Scholarships, please visit <a href="https://www.scu.edu.au/scholarships/">https://www.scu.edu.au/scholarships/</a></p>

## University Opportunities



### Summer 2019 – Institute of Modern Languages

January 9 – February 13 | St Lucia Campus, Brisbane

Join a Summer Survival course and learn basic speaking skills in only six weeks! Between 9 January and 13 February, we offer 12-hour courses designed for complete beginners. No



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previous knowledge required. IML provides interactive classes with friendly and qualified tutors.

Find out more - <https://iml.uq.edu.au/summer-courses-2019>

### **Institute of Modern Languages – High School Summer Program**

January 14 – 18, 2019 | UQ

These enrichment courses are suitable for students in the Senior phase of learning (Year 11 and 12) who wish to enrich their knowledge of the language and culture they are currently studying and practise their language skills.

Find out more - <https://iml.uq.edu.au/iml-uq-high-school-program>

### **OP Results Advice Night**

December 17 | St Lucia Campus

Come along if you still need to discuss your OP and options.

Find out more - <https://future-students.uq.edu.au/op-results-advice-night>



### **Aptitude for Engineering Assessment (AEA): applications now open**

The aptitude for engineering assessment (AEA) offers Year 12 students an admissions pathway into engineering at Griffith University.

The exam is a two-and-a-half hour multiple choice test that assesses the candidate's aptitude to think scientifically, solve quantitative problems, critically analyse information and display interpersonal understanding.

Students who successfully pass the exam will receive admission directly into the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or Bachelor of Engineering Technology in Electronic and Computer Engineering at Griffith University.

» For more details and to register for the assessment go to [griffith.edu.au/aptitude-engineering-assessment](http://griffith.edu.au/aptitude-engineering-assessment)

### **Griffith University – Get the Skills you need to succeed at University - QLD**

October 22 – 26 | Logan Campus

December 3 - 7 | Logan Campus

The Griffith Educational Tertiary/University Prep Program (GET/UPP) is a free five-day program for anyone looking to improve their study skills. Whether you're in high school, already at uni, or if you haven't studied in years, GET/UPP can help you build confidence by introducing you to the skills and information you need to succeed at university.

Find out more - <https://www.griffith.edu.au/library/getupp>



### **International High School Day**

October 22 | Brisbane

We welcome all international high school students who are currently studying Year 11 or 12 here in Australia. Explore QUT and talk to our international team and students about the range of study options available for you. We're ready to help you kickstart your university journey.

Find out more - <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/international-high-school-day>

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## Other University Information

### Introducing UCAT

Year 11 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](#).

### US Application Essay Prompts

Are you about to submit your US Application Essays for early round? Or maybe you're applying in the regular round of admission? Well, we have a list of essay prompts and example essays on our blog that you can read for inspiration.

Click [here](#) - <https://www.crimsoneducation.org/au/blog>

### US Athletic Scholarships: How Academics Can Increase Your Chances

October 22 | [Fortitude Valley](#)

October 24 | [Main Beach, Gold Coast](#)



Tessa Berger is the Director of Athletics at Crimson, upon finishing high school she received 30+ Full NCAA Division I Scholarships; ultimately choosing to play soccer for Florida Gulf Coast University whilst maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Furthermore, she represented New Zealand at the FIFA Women's World Cup. On Thursday November 1 in Pymble, Tessa will be sharing her insights and explaining how you can optimise your chances in securing a US Sports Scholarship and how academics play an important part in your recruitment process.

### **Charles Sturt University's accommodation prices have dropped**

To ensure living on campus is a viable option for as many of our students as possible, we've reduced our accommodation prices. We've got a broad range of accommodation and catering options, plus a **guaranteed place for all first-year students**.


Find out more - [accommodation.csu.edu.au/our-rooms/first-year-student](https://accommodation.csu.edu.au/our-rooms/first-year-student)

### **Applying for Med Guide – the Australian Medical Students' Association**

The Applying for Med Guide was compiled entirely by medical students, who have volunteered their own time in researching medical schools, looking for the most current information, and assembling this guide to its current form.

Read it here - <https://www.amsa.org.au/applying4medguide>

## **TAFE & Other Scholarships**

	Achieve your career goals with the help of a \$5,000 TAFE Queensland Scholarship.  There are two types of scholarships available; Merit scholarships and access and equity scholarships.
	For more information about TAFE Queensland's Scholarships, please visit <a href="https://scholarships.tafeqld.edu.au/">https://scholarships.tafeqld.edu.au/</a>
<b>Queensland Government – Aboriginal &amp; TSI Scholarships</b>	A wide range of scholarships in different fields of study.  Find out more - <a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/atsi/education-training/other-scholarships">https://www.qld.gov.au/atsi/education-training/other-scholarships</a>



<b>Mount Isa Mines – Apprenticeships - QLD</b>	<p>With one of Queensland's largest private apprenticeship programs, Mount Isa Mines currently employs around 100 apprentices in years one, two, three or four of their training working across our operations.</p> <p>Find out more - <a href="http://www.mountisamines.com.au/en/careers/Pages/Apprenticeships.aspx">http://www.mountisamines.com.au/en/careers/Pages/Apprenticeships.aspx</a></p>
<b>National Summer Art Scholarship 2019</b>	<p>January 12 – 19 (Applications close October 22, 2018)</p> <p>Become one of sixteen students from around the nation – two from each state and territory to participate in the National Summer Art Scholarship in January 2019. The scholarship program is a unique opportunity to engage with the staff at the National Gallery of Australia, as well as other arts professionals, artists and your peers from around the nation.</p> <p>Find out more - <a href="https://nga.gov.au/SummerArtScholarship/">https://nga.gov.au/SummerArtScholarship/</a></p>
<b>University of Sydney Indigenous Scholarships</b>	<p>There are lots of scholarships on offer. Find them all here - <a href="http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/undergraduate/year12/indigenous.shtml">http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/undergraduate/year12/indigenous.shtml</a></p>
<b>Rural &amp; Regional Enterprise Scholarships</b>	<p>The Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program supports students with the costs of studying at university or at a vocational education and training institution. The scholarships are valued at up to \$18,000 each, please read on for further information and requirements.</p> <p>Find out more - <a href="https://www.education.gov.au/rural-and-regional-enterprise-scholarships">https://www.education.gov.au/rural-and-regional-enterprise-scholarships</a></p>

## Other Opportunities – Post Year 12

In the Senior School we strive for our students to achieve the best possible results in all areas of their lives and position them to succeed in their preferred careers. For many PBC students this may mean their pathway does not involve attending University. For those students looking for opportunities other than attending University next year please be aware of numerous alternatives for further training, education and employment.

### **Education and Training options:**

Aurora: [www.aurora.edu.au](http://www.aurora.edu.au) (Scholarship information attached)

Prestige: [www.pst.edu.au](http://www.pst.edu.au) (Information attached)

Ignite Education: <https://ignite.edu.au/contact-us/>

Gold Coast TAFE: <https://tafeqld.edu.au/>

SAE: [www.sae.edu.au](http://www.sae.edu.au)

Apprenticeships Central: [www.apprenticeshipcentral.com.au](http://www.apprenticeshipcentral.com.au)



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### **Employment support**

Gen Z: [www.genzemployment.com.au](http://www.genzemployment.com.au)

Headspace: [www.headspace.org.au/young-people/digital-work-study-program/](http://www.headspace.org.au/young-people/digital-work-study-program/)

Mission Australia: [www.missionaustralia.com.au/](http://www.missionaustralia.com.au/)

VETEA: [www.vetea.org.au](http://www.vetea.org.au)

TURSA: [www.tursa.com.au](http://www.tursa.com.au)

Enterprise & Training Company LTD: [www.etcltd.com.au](http://www.etcltd.com.au)

### **Career Support**

My Future: [myfuture.edu.au](http://myfuture.edu.au) - Please sign up to use *myfuture* and click the check box to receive career-related information such as exploring courses, occupations, career pathways and open days.

*Students are encouraged to visit the school Pathways centre in Y block for more details of courses/employment.*

## **Open Days & Info Sessions**

### **NIDA Undergraduate Applications for 2019 are open**

NIDA's three-year practice-based Bachelor courses provide an intensive and immersive experience, as students work together to create, perform and stage full theatrical productions, films, events and exhibitions.

Applications are now open and close September 30

Click on the individual links to apply –

[BFA \(Acting\)](#)

[BFA \(Costume\)](#)

[BFA \(Design for Performance\)](#)

[BFA \(Technical Theatre and Stage Management\)](#)

[BFA \(Properties and Objects\)](#)

### **Queensland Police Recruiting – Information Sessions**

October 16 | [Brisbane](#)

October 20 | 10am | [Brisbane](#)

October 20 | 1pm | [Brisbane](#)

The Queensland Police Service holds regular recruiting events throughout the year for people who want to become Queensland police officers.

At these events, information is provided in relation to the current entry process and requirements for the Queensland Police Service.

Find out more - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/queensland-police-recruiting-8421222788>

### **CPA Australia – Information Sessions**

October 9 | [Brisbane](#)

November 6 | [Brisbane](#)

November 26 | [Webinar](#)

Our information sessions provide you with the opportunity to learn more about our course requirements and put your questions to a CPA Program expert.

Find out more - <https://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/become-a-cpa/information-sessions/australia>



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### **Student Exchange Australia/New Zealand – Live Online Info Sessions**

October 17 | Online

October 30 | Online

November 15 | Online

The LIVE Online Info Session is conducted by a senior member of our staff using a service which allows us to meet online and over the telephone. You will be able to meet our representative over a video internet connection, ask any questions and watch a presentation.

Find out more - <https://studentexchange.org.au/info-sessions/live-online/>

### **Australian Defence Force Info Sessions**

October 23

Gold Coast: Army Reserve Information Session

Brisbane: Defence Careers Information Session

October 29

### **Gold Coast: Pilot & Aviation Careers Information Session**

Brisbane: Aviation Careers Information Session

October 30

Find out more - <https://www.facebook.com/pg/DefenceJobsAustralia/events/>

### **Medview – A Day in the Life of a Doctor: Medicine Experience Day – Brisbane**

November 17 | University of Queensland, St Lucia

Designed for high-school and university students interested in medicine, this is a unique opportunity to learn valuable medical and surgical skills, speak 1-1 with doctors and medical students, and put yourself on a path to a successful career as a doctor.

Find out more - <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-doctor-medicine-experience-day-brisbane-tickets-50105797790>

### **SAE Qantm – Info Night**

November 22 | [Byron Bay](#)

November 29 | [Brisbane](#)

If you're considering studying creative media, **Animation, Audio, Design, Film** or **Games**, now is the time to speak to our experienced team, your future mentors, and discover how you can pursue your passion in these dynamic and expanding industries.

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

### **An Evening with Johnathan Thurston**

November 10 | Gold Coast

December 9 | Brisbane

With a nomination in 2018 for Australian of the year Johnathan has a passion for education and leadership, in particular representing the Australian indigenous community. Johnathan Thurston is embarking on a tour of Australia and New Zealand commencing in October 2018 and will be live on stage at a variety of fantastic venues talking in depth about his life, career and culture.

Find out more - <https://www.majoreventscompany.com/shows>

### **2019 Tertiary Studies & Career Expo**

July 20 - 21 | Brisbane Showgrounds

The Expo offers a unique opportunity for anyone interested in starting, changing or upgrading their career! Featuring many local, interstate and overseas education providers, student services and support agencies. Don't miss this great opportunity to map out your future, all in the one location.

Find out more - <http://www.careersevent.com/tsxpo/>





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## Workshops & Courses

### Queensland School of Film & Television – Weekend Film & Media Workshop

October 27 | Annerley Campus, Brisbane

QSFT's Introduction to Directing workshop is designed to give participants an understanding of what a Director's role is on a film set. Early bird special available.

Find out more - [http://www.qsft.qld.edu.au/assets/files/2018/Flyer\\_QSFT\\_WS\\_DIRECTIT\\_2018\\_v1\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.qsft.qld.edu.au/assets/files/2018/Flyer_QSFT_WS_DIRECTIT_2018_v1_WEB.pdf)

### Maritime drone training

Drone technology has unprecedented capacity to provide improvements in safety, efficiency and innovation in the maritime environment.

In response to customer demand, AMC Search has partnered with The Institute for Drone Technology™ to offer contextualised drone training to the maritime industry.

Various courses, from beginner to advanced, are available from November from our Study Centre in Darling Harbour, Sydney.

Find out more - [www.amcsearch.com.au/drones](http://www.amcsearch.com.au/drones)

### Young Scientists of Australia – Science Camp 2018 - QLD

December 14- 16 | Border Ranges National Park

Become a YSA member and relax with YSA friends in the holidays and put some time and energy into the science program. Will I learn any cool skills? Sure will! YSA Brisbane has flown up some YSA Sydney team members to coach us through science show redesign. These girls are experts in their fields and these workshops will up your science communication skills.

Find out more - <https://www.facebook.com/events/306810556538741/>

## Resources, Guides & Other News

### 4 Options For 2018 School Leavers to Think About

Here's your 4 post-school options in a nutshell.

I'd add start your own business in here too - many of you have had experience as a young entrepreneur during school, and there's nothing stopping you from building those dreams post-school.

Read the article - <http://mediahub.humanservices.gov.au/news/4-options-for-school-leavers-to-think-about/>

### What to wear to an interview

Pre-interview outfit jitters are totally normal. You're worried because you care. And you're right to care, because what you wear to a job interview matters. Science shows that a great outfit can empower you, [boost your confidence levels](#), and help you make a killer first impression.

So whether you're meeting with a recruiter, having an informal catch-up about a role over coffee, or need to [shine at a group interview](#), here's how to put together your best 'hire-me' outfit.

Read the article - [www.careerfaqs.com.au/careers/news-and-views/what-to-wear-to-an-interview](http://www.careerfaqs.com.au/careers/news-and-views/what-to-wear-to-an-interview)

### Centrelink – Intro to Student Payments

[Watch our intro to student payments video](#) for an overview of the financial support we have for students.

Watch - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-VzcmJKX6U&list=PL3zxsbzVCpwk83z1pwu0PJkakUL1-Dj\\_L](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-VzcmJKX6U&list=PL3zxsbzVCpwk83z1pwu0PJkakUL1-Dj_L)



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### **Centrelink Payments and Service Finder**

Helping you find, estimate and compare payments and services you may be eligible for. Start here -

[https://www.centrelink.gov.au/custsite\\_pfe/pymtfinderest/paymentFinderEstimatorPage.jsf?wec-appid=pymtfinderest&wec-locale=en\\_US#stay](https://www.centrelink.gov.au/custsite_pfe/pymtfinderest/paymentFinderEstimatorPage.jsf?wec-appid=pymtfinderest&wec-locale=en_US#stay)

### **Leaving School? Find help from the Department of Human Services**

Information to help you choose your next adventure if you're about to or have just finished school.

Find out more - <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/leaving-school>

### **Exhibition and Event Careers**

It takes all types of people, with all kinds of skills, to create an event.

There's the event planner or organiser who oversees the overall planning and delivery of the event, the marketers who promote the event, the experiential creatives, the tech and AV specialists who produce the show, the tradespeople who build the physical spaces, the safety and security crew who keep us safe onsite, and there are teams who work behind the scenes in accounting and finance, HR and administration.

There is a career for everyone in the exhibition and event industry – *A career for life!*

Find out more - <https://eeaa.com.au/what-we-do/our-campaigns/a-career-for-life/>

**Steve Jones**

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