



Senior School Guidance Officer Report

Year 12 Options post school

For those students not interested in attending University next year please be aware of numerous other options for further training, education and employment.

Education and Training options:

Aurora: www.aurora.edu.au (Scholarship information attached)

Prestige: 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

Apprenticeships Central: www.apprenticeshipcentral.com.au

Employment support

Gen Z: www.genzemployment.com.au

Headspace: www.headspace.org.au/young-people/digital-work-study-program/

Mission Australia: www.missionaustralia.com.au/

VETEA: www.vetea.org.au

TURSA: www.tursa.com.au

Enterprise & Training Company LTD: www.etcld.com.au





Career Support

My Future: 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.

University Scholarships

	<p>Bond University's Scholarship Program encompasses a range of awards available to Australian students at an undergraduate and postgraduate level.</p> <p>Bond offers a number of full-fee and part-fee scholarships to the best and brightest applicants each semester and are designed</p>
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	<p>to reward and encourage students who have excelled in the areas of academia, leadership, community and sporting.</p> <p>Scholarship applications for Year 12 Australian students will open on 1 June, 2018.</p> <p>For more information about Bond University's Scholarships, please visit https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/how-apply/scholarships</p>
	<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 https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships</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 https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships</p>
	<p>UQ offer a range of academic, research and excellence scholarships.</p> <p>For more information about UQ's Scholarships, please visit https://scholarships.uq.edu.au/</p>
 <p>Southern Cross University</p>	<p>Southern Cross University offers a range of scholarships for undergraduate (your first degree), postgraduate, Indigenous Australian students, international students as well as Equity scholarships. There are also scholarships available to help you study overseas for a short period as an international exchange student.</p>



	<p>For more information about Southern Cross University's Scholarships, please visit https://www.scu.edu.au/scholarships/</p> <p>Note: Students applying to study via UAC or QTAC are strongly encouraged to apply for a scholarship prior to receiving an offer. If you have Southern Cross University as your first preference you should apply for a scholarship because UAC and QTAC offers are sent after most scholarships have closed</p>
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University Opportunities

2019 Tugun Community Bank(r) Branch Scholarship Program.

As a result of the Youth Forum held in August, the Board identified a need to assist youth with financial and/or social challenges in our area who wish to further their education at University or TAFE in 2019.

There are 2 scholarships available for \$5,000 for each student, per year for up to 2 years, to help cover various costs of attending university or TAFE.

We invite you to share the attached information with your contacts and networks to help spread the word of this program. Applications open on 3 December 2018 and close on 29 January 2019.

Information on how to apply are in attachments.

Queensland Government – Aboriginal & TSI Scholarships

A wide range of scholarships in different fields of study.

Find out more - <https://www.qld.gov.au/atsi/education-training/other-scholarships>



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 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

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

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>

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 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](#).

QTAC – Using NSW or Victorian ATAR Calculators To Predict ATAR

From QTAC - It has come to our attention that some students are using NSW HSC and Victorian VCE ATAR calculators they have found online to help them choose their Senior subjects.

We strongly recommend students avoid using these or similar ATAR calculators because they cannot accurately predict a Queensland student's ATAR or how certain Queensland Senior subjects will scale. No one (including QTAC or university experts) is able to produce a calculator that can accurately predict Queensland ATARs to be awarded from 2020.

Students should choose subjects:

they enjoy

think they will achieve well in, and

that are subject prerequisites for tertiary courses that they will be seeking entry to.

We will provide subject scaling outcomes for students completing Year 12 in 2020 when this become available in December 2020. To assist students, schools can access information about the lowest ATARs that were awarded within each OP band for OPs awarded in 2016 and 2017 from our [ATAR page](#).

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](#)

Open Days & Info Sessions

Defence Force Australia – Army Reserve Information Session

November 27 | [Gold Coast](#)

Enjoy unique rewards and earn tax-free pay with part-time work in the Army Reserve.

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

Defence force Australia – Defence Careers Info Session

November 13 | [Gold Coast](#)

Thinking of a career in the Australian Defence Force but not sure if you're best suited to Navy, Army or Air Force?

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

Defence Force Australia – Health Careers Info Session

Make a difference to people's lives in a rewarding Health role in the Australia Defence Force.

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

Defence Force Australia – Women in Defence Info Session

November 19 | [Brisbane](#)

November 26 | [Toowoomba](#)

Looking to develop your skillset or simply progress your career?

Speak with current serving Women in the Australian Defence Force and learn about opportunities in the Navy, Army or Air Force.

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

Defence Force Australia – School to Service Info Session

November 14 | [Cairns](#)

November 28 | [Townsville](#)

Are you currently in high school and thinking about your career options? Explore the opportunities available to you in the Australian Defence Force and hear from ADF members about how you can experience world-class military training, gain new skills, enjoy a healthy and varied lifestyle, and make friends for life - all while getting paid.

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

Medview – Uncovering the UCAT

November 28 | [Brisbane](#)

Unsure about changes in medical school admissions testing? Come decipher the shift from UMAT to UCAT for Australian med school admissions.

Find out more - <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/medview-11179498502>



TAFE, VET & Apprenticeships

Australian Apprentice Wage Subsidy – Regional and Rural

New apprentices in rural and regional workplaces could be eligible for a wage subsidy if their apprenticeship is listed on the National Skills Shortage List.

As an apprentice you won't receive the money directly, but it will make it easier for employers to hire you.

You can find out more about your eligibility [here](#), and make sure you mention the subsidy when you apply for apprenticeships if you are eligible.

There are lots of trades on the National Skills Needs List – find them all [here](#).

TAFE Queensland – Free TAFE for Year 12 Graduates

To support Year 12 graduates into work, the Queensland Government offers [free Tafe](#) in high priority areas. If you are getting ready to graduate Year 12 in 2018 or finished school in 2017, you can kick start your career by getting the skills employers want without the fees.

Find out more - <https://tafeqld.edu.au/information-for/school-students/year-12-fee-free.html?>

TAFE Queensland – Apprenticeships & Trainees

Learn hands on with the same equipment and tools used in industry, combining working for an employer and studying at TAFE Queensland, and graduate with a nationally-recognised qualification. Pre-apprenticeships and post-trade training also available.

Find out more - <https://tafeqld.edu.au/information-for/apprentices-and-trainees/index.html>

Queensland Certificate III Guarantee

The Certificate 3 Guarantee supports eligible individuals to complete their first post-school certificate III qualification and increase their skills to move into employment, re-enter the workforce or advance their career.

It also supports school students to access training and Queensland's Year 12 graduates to transition to employment by providing free training in high priority qualifications.

As you can only access the Certificate 3 Guarantee subsidy once, it is important you choose the right course for you to take full advantage of this opportunity.

The [Queensland Skills Gateway](#) displays the courses available under the Certificate 3 Guarantee and also provides information about what they cover, the careers they can lead to, and the training providers approved to deliver them.

Find out more - <https://training.qld.gov.au/training/incentives/certificate3>

Resources, Guides & Other News

Teen Boss Magazine

A first-of-its-kind teen entrepreneurial magazine for girls! We aim to inspire girls to dream big and feature profiles with tween business owners, stars with successful businesses, how-to's and tips from female business leaders.

<https://www.facebook.com/TeenBossMagazine/>

Science by Doing

Welcome to the most comprehensive online website for high school Science Years 7-10 covering the Australian Curriculum. This site is free to all Australian students and teachers and presents science in an engaging, guided inquiry-based approach to lift student interest and understanding.

Read more - <https://www.sciencebydoing.edu.au/>



MHSCareers Job Spotlight – Pilot

Pilots operate and control the flight of different types of aircraft.

If you enjoy flying, you're great at maths and you're a really hands on person who gets technology, then being a pilot could be a career for you.

Read the blog to find out more

Spotify Study Playlists

Listening to music while you study can help you focus, but what should you listen to? Spotify has some great FREE study playlists – try a few until you find one that works for you.

[Study Zone](#)

[Apply Yourself](#)

[Intense Studying](#)

21 Job Skills That Will Increase Your Salary

You know you're a valuable member of the team, the workplace just wouldn't be the same without you; you're positive, organised, reliable, a problem solver ... The list goes on; but what happens when it's salary review time, how do these prized traits come into play? The good news is these skills are valuable!

Read more - <https://www.careerfaqs.com.au/news/news-and-views/job-skills>

[From FYA - 3 Effective AF Things You Can Do To Keep From Stressin'](#)

If exam stress and job stress and the ever present 'what am I supposed to do with my life?' stress is fogging your thoughts and making it difficult for you to get stuff done, [read on](https://www.fya.org.au/2016/09/12/3-effective-af-things-you-can-do-to-keep-from-stressin/) - <https://www.fya.org.au/2016/09/12/3-effective-af-things-you-can-do-to-keep-from-stressin/>

Choose Your Own Adventure

Last week we looked at why you might need to follow a career pathway that isn't necessarily straightforward. To recap, here are some of the reasons why you might need this option:

- You didn't get the results you needed
- You missed a prerequisite subject (or failed it)
- You need to move a long way to follow your dream and you're not ready for that yet
- You've had enough of study for now and want a break before uni

And whether you're concerned your ATAR / OP won't get you into your preferred Uni Course, or you don't even want to go to Uni, there are options out there to suit you.

Alternative Ways Into Uni

Universities **want** you to attend their institution (they're a business at the end of the day, and more students means more income). So if you've chosen a course you really like – or a uni you really want to go – check their website for alternative pathways that they offer.

For example, Macquarie University offer [8 different entry pathways](#). Yes you read that right, EIGHT.

Here's a quick run-down of what they are and how they work:

- **Next Step Pathway** – successfully complete a series of units and guarantee entry into one of 18 degrees on offer.
- **Macquarie University International College** – Successfully complete one of 4 specially designed diplomas (also called foundation courses), and you're eligible for entry into the second year of a degree – so you won't even lose time.



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- **Internal Transfer** – Enrol on a degree with a lower ATAR requirement than your preference that you may have missed out on. Within 6 months transfer to your preferred degree.
 - **Transfer from another University** – complete a minimum of 12 months on another tertiary course and apply through UAC to your preferred Macquarie course.
 - **Special Tertiary Admissions Test** – You'll have to successfully complete a series of competency and critical thinking tests.
 - **TAFE & Private College** – Completed TAFE and College qualifications as a stepping stone to a Macquarie Uni degree, you can apply direct for some courses and through UAC for others.
 - **Open Universities (OUA)** – Apply to do an online course with Macquarie, you can do this for the duration of your studies **or** you can apply via UAC to study on campus if you complete 4 units within four 13-week sessions.
 - **Indigenous Students** – Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students can apply for consideration based on merit and an on-campus assessment day.

Most unis offer opportunities like these, and you could be studying towards your preferred degree in no time at all. You'll have to decide about which pathway to take and do some hard work, but it'll be worth it in the end.

I Don't Want To Go To Uni – What Now?

Alternative Career pathways aren't just limited to University.

You could apply for a job straight out of school, get work experience and work your way up the career ladder. It's not an easy route by any means, but if it's an option for the career of your choice, you'll start earning straight away and be pursuing the job you wanted.

If you want to join the Police or the Fire Service then tertiary education isn't a requirement. You can apply directly through relevant state services. As long as you meet all the requirements and pass the admissions tests, you could be embarking on a career within months of leaving school.

Check out the service you're interested in, entry requirements can differ between states.

If you're an Australian who's completed Year 10 you [may be eligible to join the Australian Defence Force \(ADF\)](#). The training, qualifications and work experience you can access through the ADF is phenomenal. It's definitely worth seeing if the career you want is an option through them. You'll have to commit for a period of time, but not forever if turns out to be something you don't love. Meanwhile you'll get plenty of support, opportunities and learn lots.

Vocational Education And Training (VET)

There are literally thousands of Diplomas and Certificate qualifications available for courses delivering work-place specific knowledge and skills across lots of careers and industries. You can study anything from trades, office work, management, retail, hospitality, to tourism, and technology.

You can even study in-class or online through TAFE or RTOs (Registered Training Organisations). Again, there are thousands of options for institutions as well as courses. Narrow down your options by deciding an area you want to study. Search for courses matching your requirements and then by location or on-line options. It's always worth checking if you're eligible for any grants or additional funding that can cover some or all of the costs.



Search for courses or institutions [here](#) as a great starting point.

TAFE

Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institutions are government owned providers of VET courses. They're found throughout Australia and offer countless study options.

If you've completed Year 10 at school you can study at TAFE. The qualifications (see VET section) are just as valid and transferrable as a university degree (and can be a pathway into uni if that's your end goal), and potential employers view TAFE qualifications as favourably as degrees in many cases.

TAFE institutions offer courses on various subject areas, including:

- Agriculture
- Arts and Design
- Building and Furnishing
- Business and Marketing
- Community and Health
- Education and Languages
- Engineering and Transport
- Food and Beverage
- Hair and Beauty
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Information Technology

So you'll be able to find a course that floats your boat. You can search through some of the courses [here](#).

Apprenticeships, Traineeships And Cadetships

A great way to kick off a career. There are over 250,000 apprentices and trainees in training around Australia, across lots of different industries.

Open to everyone with very few barriers, employers create a job through the Apprenticeship scheme, so you're employed directly by them (full or part-time permanent jobs) and start earning while you train.

Once you've completed your apprenticeship, you'll have a nationally recognised qualification and work experience. With any luck you'll also have the option of walking into a job with the company you've trained with.

Interested in an apprenticeship? [Start here](#).

Cadetships are similar to apprenticeships, employers offer industry specific combined vocational training and work experience.

There are cadetships available within Australian Government Departments and lots of private companies from Jetstar through to the Guide Dogs Association and everything in between. Bear in mind that many cadetships have higher entry requirements and can be competitive.

There's tonnes more information about different pathways on this Government site, if you'd like to read more click this [link](#).



It's Your Choice

Finding out more about all the alternative pathways into a career that you want can open lots of doors. You might find a pathway perfect for you that you hadn't previously considered.

If you're indecisive and still aren't sure what you'd like to do, then finding out what the alternative options are available could help you decide which step to take. It could also inspire you to explore careers you'd never really considered before.

Your future is entirely in your hands.

Exam Ready?

You've worked hard all year, and now it's time to show what you've learnt. Exam prep can be stressful. That's why we've put together these exam prep tips to follow – they'll help you keep your cool and be the Exam Boss you were born to be.

The Day Before

Schedule A Final Revision Session

Go over your revision notes a few times to refresh your memory

If you haven't already highlighted your notes, then grab your favourite coloured fluoro and mark the most important information. It will help you focus, keep you motivated and help that information stick in your brain

Do another practise exam if you have one prepared, if not read through any previous ones you've done

Finish studying at a reasonable time. If you're stressed out it can be tempting to keep studying and stay up late, but that's really not going to do much other than make you tired and less able to focus in your exam.

Get Everything Ready For The Following Day

Organise your pens and other equipment that you might need, (remember to take spares as well)

Make sure you know exactly where you're supposed to be, at what time, and plan how you'll be getting to your exam (remember to leave a few extra minutes in case you get held up)

Don't spend all day cramming, remember to take breaks and stay hydrated

Otherwise you'll feel uptight and exhausted before you've even started your exam

Have dinner (you could always try some brain food like oily fish), spend some time relaxing and get to bed nice and early for a good sleep

Set your alarm, leaving yourself plenty of time to get ready in the morning. If you usually find it difficult to get out of bed, then set a second alarm too – exam day isn't the day to be sleeping through your alarm

The Big Exam Day

Get Yourself In A Positive Frame Of Mind And Wake Up Your Brain

Get moving – When you hop out of bed in the morning have an invigorating shower and play some of your favourite tunes, you'll be feeling in a much happier place already. Or if you normally do some exercise first thing in the morning, great – do that too.

Eat something – Even if you're feeling nervous and your stomach doesn't feel much like eating, hunger is a distraction that you really don't need when you're sitting an exam. So it's important to eat a good breakfast to keep you going. Anything is better than



nothing, but something wholesome and nutritious that will fill you up for a long time is ideal.

Relax – It can be tempting to pick up your revision notes and get some final cramming in, we'd suggest that you don't. A little light reading however, is perfect to get your brain ready for the work ahead, a bit like stretching your body before a work out. So maybe read the news, an article or a few chapters of a book and help your brain limber up.

Remember to take a bottle of water, the equipment you'll need in your exam and wear comfortable clothes. Stick to your planned travel schedule, allow yourself extra time to get to the exam so you don't arrive late and flustered.

In The Exam

Breathe

Take deep breaths – you'll feel more relaxed and better able to focus your mind.

Listen

Listen to all the instructions from the examiner and remember to pay attention to how long you have to complete your exam.

Read

Use any reading time to quickly look through the exam to see how many questions there are and give yourself an idea of how long you can spend answering each question.

One Step At A Time

Return to the start, be methodical. Read each question. Read it again. Then start answering. Try and keep your writing and any workings out neat so that it's easy for the examiner to understand what you've written.

Double-Check

Once you've completed all your questions, if you have time, go back and read through your paper. If you've missed something out or made a mistake this gives you an opportunity to put it right.

Don't Panic

If you're running out of time, don't panic, try to answer each remaining question to the best of your ability. You might have to keep answers shorter than you would like, but at least if you get something down & you get in the key information, the examiner will have something to give you a mark for.

Before You Know It, The Exam Will Be Over

Congratulations! Now's the time to relax, take a break, and prepare for any other exams.

Don't talk about the exam with your friends, it won't do any good but might make you feel bad if you didn't come up with the same answer they did (and they might have been wrong where you were correct)

Make a couple of quick notes about what went well (and not so well) for next time – did you read through all the questions? Did it help to start with an 'easy' question? Or did you get stuck somewhere?



Look after yourself for the next day or so – remember it's just an exam and it won't change the course of your life, so don't let it get to you