



## Senior School Guidance Officer Report

### 2020 Senior Pathways Information

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

#### 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.



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

## University Scholarship Information

### 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.



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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>

## **2019 Griffith scholarships are now open**

Each year Griffith provides more than \$40 million in direct financial support to help new and continuing students successfully complete their degrees. More than 600 scholarships are available to cover tuition, education and living expenses. It's well worth encouraging students to apply for these opportunities, as they can apply for multiple scholarships with just one application.

» Explore scholarship options and apply online at [griffith.edu.au/scholarships](http://griffith.edu.au/scholarships)

## **Scholarships made easy at Southern Cross University**

Southern Cross University have a range of different scholarships available to our commencing students including merit based and equity scholarships. For the merit based scholarships there is only one application that needs to be filled out as we personally match the best scholarship to the applicant.

To apply, please visit <https://www.scu.edu.au/scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships/future-student-scholarships/>

**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.**

## **University of Queensland – Scholarships**

Explore your scholarship options at UQ, applications open now on many with more to come.

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

## **Bond University – Scholarships**

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. If you believe you have what it takes, we urge you to apply for one of our scholarships.

Find out more - <https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/how-apply/scholarships>

## **QUT – Scholarships**

Scholarships aren't just for academic high-achievers. We offer dozens of scholarships to suit a broad range of skills and experience. We have scholarships for women, athletes, financial hardship, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and specific courses and study areas.

Find out more - <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships>

## **Options Day for 2018 Year 12's.**

Deciding on the right course and university can be challenging.

To make things a little easier and get you heading in the right direction, come along to Southern Cross University Options Day and talk to our expert staff about your study options.

Get personalised advice about applying to study at Southern Cross or changing your course

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preferences right from the day your ATAR/OP is released - we can even help you accept your offer and enrol.

- Lismore campus – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm to 6pm
- Coffs Harbour campus – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm to 6pm
- Gold Coast campus – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 12pm to 3pm

Register at [scu.edu.au/options-day](http://scu.edu.au/options-day). SCU forward to seeing you there!"

#### Bond University – Student for a Semester

Bond University's Student for a Semester program gives high achieving year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to gain an authentic university experience before they finish high school.

Applications for the January 2019 semester close Thursday, 6 December

Find out more - <https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/see-yourself/student-semester>

### **Bond University Medical Program Webinar**

13 December | 5.00pm - 6.00pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

Dean of the Medical Program, Professor Kirsty Forrest, invites you to join her on a webinar for a detailed overview of the Medical Program at Bond University.

Topics discussed will include;

- Entry Requirements
- Program Structure and subjects
- How to apply and the Admissions Process
- Pathways into the Program
- Support Services offered

Please register your attendance to ensure you don't miss this opportunity

- <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bond-university-medical-program-webinar-tickets-52380447328>

For more information please contact [hsmevents@bond.edu.au](mailto:hsmevents@bond.edu.au)

### **James Cook University – Scholarships**

With many scholarships available in so many categories there is surely more than one for you to apply for. Scholarships, Writing Prizes and JCU Access Fund.

Find out more - <https://www.jcu.edu.au/scholarships-@-jcu>

### **UQ College Best Foot Forward Program – Current Year 12**

Please be aware of an exciting new opportunity for Year 12 leavers going to University in 2019. Students entering The University of Queensland in 2019 may be interested in the **Best Food Forward Program** (BFF).

This program has been designed and developed in response to research and actual data which indicated the following:

- Transitioning from High School to University can be challenging;
- Curriculum from University requires a new kind of engaging with a learner;
- Students often require timely access to support services at University;
- Students want to connect and build relationships.



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It is clear that there is an established link between under-preparedness and attrition within the first year of study. The essence of the **Best Foot Forward Program** is simply aimed to prepare students before they commence their studies at The University of Queensland.

BFF Program is over 3 days at the beginning of February 2019 and is 4 hours per day at The University of Queensland's St Lucia Campus. The cost is \$100. To register and pay please contact UQ College on 3346 1695.

## 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](#)

## 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](#)



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## 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](mailto:admin@studymedicine.com.au)

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

## Workshops & Courses

### NIDA Summer Holiday Classes

NIDA offers introductory through to advanced courses for children and young people during the school holidays in a variety of disciplines including creative play, drama, acting on screen, music theatre, singing & acting, public speaking and more.

Book four weeks before the course start date and receive a 10% earlybird discount.

[Brisbane classes](#) run 7-20 January

[Gold Coast classes](#) run 14-19 January

### Engineering Link Project 2019

Brisbane (QUT) – July 4 & 5

An ELP lasts for two days, with each day following a similar format. Students select a discipline they are interested in and they spend the day working in that area.

Projects are offered to Year 10, 11 and 12 students, depending on the location.

Over the course of each day, the students complete a proposal detailing the problem, test results and the recommended solution which is assessed by the guest engineer. The students then build their final solution and test it, usually to destruction, before debriefing again with the engineer.

During the Project, the students tour the host university, inspecting facilities and observing current research projects and highlights of each faculty.

If you are a teacher or student and want more information, please [click here](#).

Find out more - <https://telg.com.au/programs/elp/>

### International Science School

An exclusive two-week science program

Every two years the ISS gathers 140 top science students from Australia and overseas for a two-week residential program of talks by world-renowned scientists, laboratory tours, hands-on activities and social events.



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Are you going to be in Year 11 and 12 in 2019? Do you love science? If so, you've got to apply for the Professor Harry Messel International Science School (ISS)!

**The next International Science School will be held in from Sunday 7 July to Saturday 20 July 2019.**

[Applications open now](#)

Find out more - <https://sydney.edu.au/science/industry-and-community/community-engagement/international-science-school.html>

### **QUT Summer Holiday Program**

9 – 18 January | The Cube

On your mark, get set, go! Put yourself in the driver's seat this January for QUT's Summer Holiday Program.

Test drive The Cube's new wind and water simulations and explore a range of hands-on activities. Get ready for family fun including drone coding workshops, science shows, and virtual experiences.

Full program to be released on The Cube website in December.

Find out more - <http://www.thecube.qut.edu.au/whats-on/2019/summer-holidays.php>

### **Being Successful Workshops**

31 January 2019

28 March 2019

23 May 2019

25 June 2019

Being Successful is a 3 hour workshop for Teens and Pre-Teens. Teens and Pre-Teens can expect to acquire an understanding of what it takes to succeed at school and in life, empowering them to take ownership and control over their thoughts, feelings and actions. Teens and Pre-Teens are encouraged to bring a sibling or friend to the workshop free of charge.

Read more - <http://www.speakteen.com.au/events/>

### **TAFE, VET & Apprenticeships**

#### **Pre-Apprenticeship Finder Tool**

A pre-apprenticeship is entry level training which can provide a pathway into the industry of your choice. Generally, they are offered in the traditional trades industries, such as Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing and Automotive.

Our Pre-apprenticeship Finder resource has a list of pre-apprenticeships being offered by providers which can be searched by industry and location.

Once in the finder, select your persona, location and click on the 'Pre-Apprenticeships' button. You can view specific start dates, contact details, potential costs and any eligibility requirements.

Start searching [here](#)



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Find out more - <https://www.aapathways.com.au/job-hunting-for-australian-apprenticeships-and-tra/pre-apprenticeship-search>

## **Department of Housing and Public Works Apprenticeships**

Department of Housing and Public Works are currently running a recruitment process for 20 trade-based apprenticeships across the state.

[Refrigeration Mechanical Apprenticeship](#)

[Carpentry Apprenticeships](#)

[Plumbing Apprenticeships](#)

[Painting Apprenticeships](#)

[Electrical Apprenticeship](#)

## Resources, Guides & Other News

### **A close-up view of eye health in remote Australia**

Georgie Oakman, a final year medical student from the University of Melbourne recently spent four weeks on clinical placement in the ophthalmology department at the Alice Springs Hospital (ASH), supported by [Flinders NT](#).

Read the article - <https://blogs.flinders.edu.au/flinders-nt/2018/11/02/close-view-eye-health-remote-australia/>

### **Big Life Journal**

Help your tween or teen develop the mindset of growth, resilience, gratitude, and positivity. Help them find their own voice in a world that is constantly coming at them with what to do, be, and think.

Big Life Journal - Teen Edition helps tweens and teens develop confidence...the deep down, know-who-you-are confidence!

It encourages them to discover themselves and gets them excited about limitless possibilities ahead.

If you're interested in incorporating the journal into your [homeschool](#) or classroom, check out the [Teaching Guide](#).

Find the guide here - <https://biglifejournal.com/collections/journals/products/big-life-journal-teen-edition>

Post-school pathways: Resources to support your teen

Find the resources here - <http://www.parentsnetwork.qld.edu.au/2018/11/22/post-school-pathways-resources-to-support-your-teen/>

### **Back 2 Basics VET Guide**

Do you need a refresher on how the VET system works in Australia? Do you need to up skill your knowledge about VET? Back 2 Basics is an easy-to-read guide that simply explains the Australian VET system. <http://ow.ly/s9jq30mJvNf>