From the Careers Counsellor

Upcoming ADF information sessions


4 May - Defence Careers Information Session at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street. The session will start at 6 pm. To book your spot, email your details to CPTQLD@dfr.com.au.

4 May - ADF Officer and Graduates Opportunities Evening at Victoria Park Golf Complex, 223 Herston Road, Herston, Brisbane. The session will start at 6.30 pm. To book your spot, email your details to: CPTQLD@dfr.com.au.

9 May - Defence Careers Information Session at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, 14 Edgewater Court, Robina. The session will start at 6 pm. To book your spot, email your details to cptgoldcoast@dfr.com.au.

For details about these events, visit https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events/.

News from the University of Queensland (UQ)

Auditions for the 2017 B Music (Honours) Program - The UQ School of Music invites applications from everyone who is interested in auditioning for a place in the B Music (Honours) program commencing Semester one 2017. There is no cost to audition. Application forms can be downloaded from https://music.uq.edu.au/auditions. Applications close on 15 August 2016.

Careers that Shape the World – This event to be held on Tuesday 12 July 2016 is open to Year 10 – 12 students. It provides an excellent opportunity to explore your future career and course options. Workshops cover the fields of business, economics, tourism, law, engineering, architecture, information technology, health, humanities, social science,
education, arts and science. The program can be accessed at http://www.uq.edu.au/shapeyourworld/. Online registrations open shortly. This is a very popular program, so it is important to monitor when registrations open.

Updates from Griffith University

Queensland Conservatorium auditions – Audition applications will open in June and close on 15 August 2016. The auditions will be held from 26 – 30 September 2016. The website at https://www.griffith.edu.au/music/queensland-conservatorium/programs-courses/music-audition will be updated for 2017 applications shortly.

Twilight Seminars – These seminars will provide parents and students an opportunity to experience the Griffith campuses while listening to industry leaders from a range of disciplines and roles about trends in their industry and their tips for success. The seminars will be held from 6 – 8 pm on:

- 10 May at the Nathan campus http://app.griffith.edu.au/events/event/46040
- 11 May at the Logan campus
- 12 May at the Gold Coast campus http://app.griffith.edu.au/events/event/46060.

Year 12 Subject Bonus Scheme – This scheme has been expanded to include 21 Year 12 subjects. You do not need to apply separately for this scheme as it is automatically applied when you apply through QTAC. Programs excluded from this scheme are B Medical Science (MD Provisional Entry for School-Leavers) and B Oral Health in Dental Science. Visit https://www.griffith.edu.au/future-students/high-school-students/bonus-entry-options for details.

Griffith OP 1 – 6/Rank 89+ Guarantee Scheme – Through this scheme, applicants can gain a guaranteed place in most Griffith degrees, whatever the published cut-off. Prerequisites and additional entry requirements still apply. You do not need to apply separately for this scheme as it is automatically applied when you apply through QTAC. Exceptions to this scheme include medical science, dental science, physiotherapy, midwifery, nutrition, paramedicine and Queensland Conservatorium courses. Find out more at https://www.griffith.edu.au/future-students/op-1-to-6-guarantee.

Regional preference scheme - If you're a local, you may be eligible for a bonus of one OP band or two ranks when you apply for degrees at the Gold Coast and Logan Campuses. See https://www.griffith.edu.au/future-students/high-school-students/priority-access for details.

Maximum bonus points – The maximum bonus points that a student can receive under all schemes is capped at 10.
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND Years 11 and 12 Student Experience Day

Registrations are now open for Years 11 and 12 Student Experience Day on Friday 20 May 2016. Students have the opportunity to tour the campus, participate in academic taster sessions and talk with current students and academics.

New to Student Experience Day

This year USQ are offering students the opportunity to participate in specialised streams throughout the day. These streams will allow students to have an all day experience in one area. At Springfield Student Experience Day, the below streams will be offered:

- Health and Community
- Engineering and Built Environment
- Communication and Media or
- Students can design their own stream with the sessions listed online

Places are strictly limited so make sure your students register early to avoid disappointment. When they register online, students will need to select the streamed session three times for Session 1, 2 and 3.

Register to attend

Online registration for this event is now open. Students can now register themselves online and pre-select their sessions. Students should then receive an automatic confirmation email when they have registered to their nominated email account confirming their registration.

Online registrations for this event close 5pm Thursday 12 May 2016.

http://www.usq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/advising-school-leavers/events/student-experience-day

Screen It 2016

Fancy yourself as a filmmaker or video game creator? This is the competition for you. Screen It is Australia's national moving image competition for school-aged students. This year the theme of the competition is ‘Mystery’. Entries for 2016 open on 1 August and close on 19 September. For details and a look at last year’s winners, visit http://www.acmi.net.au/screenit.aspx.
Young Australian Art Awards

Students from primary and secondary schools are invited to participate in this competition. There are five art categories: Indigenous, Drawing, Painting, Computer Art and Photography. There are three age groups: Junior (Prep to Year 4), Middle (Year 5 to Year 8), Senior (Year 9 to Year 12). To enter your artwork, you will need to obtain a digital image of your piece of work and submit this image online through the website at http://www.ozkids.com.au/#about. Entries close on 7 October 2016.

John Eales Rugby Excellence Scholarship at Bond University

This scholarship provides an opportunity for an outstanding young rugby union star to be mentored on and off the field. Applications for this scholarship open on 1 April and will close on 31 July 2016. Visit https://bond.edu.au/scholarship/john-eales-rugby-excellence-scholarship for more information.

Gold Coast Careers Expo

The 2016 expo will be held on Thursday 5 May, from 9 am – 7 pm, at RACV Royal Pines Resort Convention Centre, Benowa. You can expect to see training and education institutions, a dedicated employment precinct, and an interactive hair and beauty space. Visit the expo website at http://www.studygoldcoast.org.au/gold-coast-careers-and-employment-festival/gold-coast-careers-expo/.

STEMed Festival

This is a one-day festival of education for the future. It will be held at the RNA Showgrounds from 10 am – 3.30 pm on Sunday 29 May 2016. There will be exhibits on all facets of STEM, interactive workshops for parents and students and sessions on STEM topics such as 3D printing, Startups, Social Media, Robotics, Coding, Drones and much more. Visit the festival website at http://www.stemedfest.com/ for program information and to get tickets.
University of New England (UNE) Open Day

This event will be held at the UNE Armidale campus on Friday 6 May 2016. It gives you the chance to explore the UNE campus and find out everything you need to know about studying at university. The program on the day will include information sessions, individual course advice, tours of the academic campus and colleges, live demonstrations, free food and activities. Visit http://www.une.edu.au/study/study-options/landing/open-day for more information and to download an Open Day program.

Start university while still at school

The following universities in Queensland offer programs that enable high achieving students in Years 11 and/or 12 to have a university experience through studying a university subject. The subjects may be free and may provide credit towards a university degree at the end of Year 12 and/or guarantee entry to a degree at the end of Year 12.

Bond University has a Student for a Semester program for academically capable students in Years 11 and 12 who live on the Gold Coast, Brisbane and Northern New South Wales. Applications for the September Semester open on 15 July and close on 5 August 2016. Visit http://www.bond.edu.au/student-for-a-semester for details of the program and an online application.

CQUniversity has a Start Uni Now (SUN) program for students in Years 11 and 12. Applications for Term two (11 July – 7 October) will close on 24 June 2016. See https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses-and-programs/study-areas/work-and-study-preparation/sun for more information.

The Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Study (GUESTS) program is offered to students in Year 12. Applications for Semester two (commencing in July) close on 30 May 2016. See http://www.griffith.edu.au/pathways/guests-program for more information.

The Queensland University of Technology’s (QUT) Start QUT Program is offered to students in Year 12. The application due date for Semester two (18 July – 28 October) is 13 May 2016. See https://www.qut.edu.au/study/high-school-programs/start-qut for more information.

The University of Queensland offers an Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) for Year 12 students. Applications close in the year previous to commencing the program (usually in October). See http://www.uq.edu.au/esp/ for more information.

The University of Southern Queensland (USQ) has a Head Start Program for students in Years 10 - 12. This program is offered on-campus at USQ’s Toowoomba, Springfield and Ipswich Campuses, or via distance education. Applications for Semester two (11 July – 21 October 2016) close on 20 June 2016. See http://www.usq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/head-start for more information.

The University of the Sunshine Coast has a Headstart Program for students in Years 11 and 12. Applications for Semester two close on 27 May 2016. See

Universities often hold information sessions to inform students and their parents about these programs. Find out about these sessions on the websites listed above.

UMAT practice exam

The My Health Career website at https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/medicine/medentry-UMAT-preparation has an article on UMAT presented by MedEntry. The article includes a link to a UMAT practice exam which includes the exam questions, answers and fully worked solutions.

UMAT reminders

Students applying for medicine and other health science courses may be required to sit for the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) as part of the application process. You register to sit for the test on the UMAT website at https://umat.acer.edu.au/. On time registrations close at 5 pm on 3 June 2016. Late registrations are accepted up to 5 pm on 17 June 2016 (a late fee $65 applies). The test date is 27 July 2016. Results will be available in late September 2016. Some important points are:

- It is essential that you read the entire UMAT 2016 Information Booklet and complete the UMAT Registration Tutorial before you register for UMAT 2016. Both resources are available on the UMAT website.
- UMAT scores can be used for admission only in the year following the test (do not register for UMAT 2016 unless you are planning to apply for a course commencing in 2017)
- You can only register to sit for UMAT 2016 if you have already completed or plan to complete Year 12 in 2016 (Year 11 students or students in the first year of a two-year Year 12 cannot sit for UMAT 2016).
USA and UK Study Abroad Information Seminar

This seminar, to be presented by Crimson Education, is for students interested in applying for undergraduate degrees at top universities in the US and UK. It will be held from 2.30 – 5 pm on Sunday 29 May 2016 at the University of Queensland. Presentations will include speakers who have just gained admission or are currently studying at some of the most prestigious universities around the world including Harvard University, Yale University, Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania, Cambridge University and a Robertson Scholar from Duke University. For more information about this event, contact Crimson Education on email info@crimsonconsulting.org. Visit the Crimson Education website at http://au.crimsonconsulting.org/ for more information about this organisation.

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