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From the Careers Counsellor



## Griffith University updates

**New in 2017** – The following are university wide changes for 2017:

- The academic year will be divided into Trimester 1 (27 February – 26 May), Trimester 2 (3 July – 22 September) and Trimester 3 (30 October – 2 February). T3 is optional and could be used as a catch-up trimester.
- Some degrees will have a fast track option, enabling students to finish in two years.
- There will be more flexibility to balance study with other activities (e.g. work, sports).
- More industry placements and internships within degree programs.
- New double degrees.
- Students can study online, on campus or a combination of both.

**Single environmental science degree in 2017** – This new three-year B Environmental Science will have specialisations/majors in Ecology and Conservation, Environmental Management, Soil and Water Science and Urban Environments. Double degree options are B Environmental Science/B Laws and B Environmental Science/B Engineering. Details at <https://degrees.griffith.edu.au/Program/1547/Overview/Domestic?searchHash=Q6DfmeYFwkJeJEn7OZ5L5crLefk%3D>.

**2017 Griffith Undergraduate Degree Guide** -This guide has information about the courses you can apply for in 2017. Download the guide at <https://www.griffith.edu.au/future-students/brochures>. Course brochures are also available on this site.

**Mathematics A and B bridging course** – This is a self-paced modular course which runs on Monday nights on the Gold Coast campus from 22 February – 14 November 2016. There is no set starting date. You can start on any Monday night. Successful completion of the course will meet the Maths A and Maths B prerequisites and assumed study for degrees at Griffith. Visit <https://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-sciences/future-students/bridging-short-courses> for details.

**Year 10 Parent Evenings** – At these evenings, Year 10 students and their parents will be given information about choosing subjects for future tertiary study; have their questions about tertiary study answered; and talk to the parents of current Griffith students. The evenings will be held on:

- 7 June at Nathan campus

- 8 June at Logan campus
- 9 June at the Gold Coast campus.

Details will be on the website at <https://www.griffith.edu.au/guidance-officers-teachers/events> (click on '2016 Griffith events and tertiary expos') shortly.

**Could you survive a Mars mission?** – Griffith's Science on the Go website challenges you to test your skill/knowledge/imagination to survive a Mars mission. Visit <http://scienceonthego.griffith.edu.au/interactive-learning/marsmission/> to start your mission. While you are on the Science on the Go website, read up on the latest science and technology news.

## News from the University of Queensland (UQ)

**2016-17 UQ Young Scholars Program** - This program provides high achieving Year 11 students with an opportunity to discover, learn and engage with UQ's academic community and like-minded students from across Queensland. For more information, visit <https://young-scholars.uq.edu.au/>. Applications open on the 30 May and close on 12 August 2016.

**Interactive new periodic table of elements** - UQ's School of Earth Sciences has launched a dynamic new periodic table of elements site for students, teachers and the community. This online tool can be found at <https://periodic-table.earth-sciences.uq.edu.au/>.

**Careers that shape the world program** – This event will be held on Tuesday 12 July 2016 (first week after the June/July holidays) at the St Lucia campus. It is designed to help Year 11 and 12 students choose a career. Sessions will be delivered from areas including:

- Business, Economics and Law
- Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology
- Health, Medicine, Behavioural and Biomedical Sciences
- Humanities, Social Science, Education and Arts
- Science.

You can view the session topics and register on the website at <http://www.uq.edu.au/shapeyourworld/>. The website has a 'What career is right for me? Activity which might help you select sessions to attend.

**Exercise and Nutrition Sciences as your pathway to Medicine** – According to UQ's School of Human Movement and Nutrition, the B of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences is a recommended pathway to UQ's Doctor of Medicine program. Read more at <http://www.hms.uq.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate-study/bachelor-of-exercise-nutrition-sciences/postgraduate-study-pathways/exercise-and-nutrition-sciences-as-a-pathway-to-medicine/>.

## What foreign languages can I study at university?

Students studying at Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology and the University of Queensland can study a large range of languages. If the language you want to study is not available at your own university you can study it at another university through the Brisbane Universities Languages Alliance (BULA). Languages available through BULA include Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish. Visit <https://www.bula.edu.au/default.aspx> for more information about how BULA works, how to apply and language scholarships.

## Updates from Bond University

**Actuarial Science at Bond** – Bond offers three actuarial science programs:

- B Actuarial Science
- B Actuarial Science (Honours)
- B Actuarial Science/B Laws.

Actuarial Science applies elements of economics, finance, statistics and advanced mathematics to interpret, manage and evaluate risk. It is currently a much in demand area of study globally. Visit <https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/search-program/actuarial-science> for more information.

**Bond with Bond** – Bond will hold a number of these events nationally. They will provide an opportunity for potential students and their families to find out about study at Bond. The Queensland Bond with Bond events will be held:

- Thursday 26 May 2016 from 6.30 – 8 pm at Hilton Cairns
- Monday 11 July 2016 from 6 – 8 pm at the Old Hall, Toowoomba Grammar School, Toowoomba
- Wednesday 13 July 2016 from 6 – 8 pm at Bond University, Robina, Gold Coast.

Details at <https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/see-yourself/bond-bond>.

**Twilight Open Day** – Bond's Open Day in 2016 will be held from 2 – 6 pm on Saturday 23 July. You can register now for Open Day to receive an all-access pass to the Bond campus. Find out more at <https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/see-yourself/open-day>.

**Applying to study at Bond** - Apply online directly to Bond for all courses except medicine. The criteria Bond uses to select Year 12 applicants includes, academic achievement (based on school predictions – the minimum cut-off for most courses has been OP 9 – 10 in the past), extracurricular activities and personal attributes (community participation, leadership, etc.) and a school reference. The early offer application closing date for entry in 2017 is 31 July 2016. Offers are sent to applicants in October. You can apply for Bond scholarships on the application form. Information about the application process is at <https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/how-apply/application-process>. Apply for Bond's Medical Program through QTAC in early February 2017.

## Information for future pilots

PATS (Pilot Aptitude Training Systems) is a private organisation that prepares people for aptitude tests and interviews that are used by the Australian Defence Force and airline pilot cadetships (e.g. Cathay Pacific, Rex). For more information, see

<http://www.pilotaptitude.com/>.

## Learn how to make coffee like a barista at Sarina Russo Institute

This institute offers diploma and certificate courses in Business, Management (including hospitality) and Community Services. It also offers short courses including a Coffee Making course. This is a four-hour course that is offered monthly at the Brisbane campus. See <http://www.sri.edu.au/courses-for-domestic-students/short-courses/coffee-making.aspx> for details.

## Study to be an enrolled nurse at the Mater

Mater Education offers a Diploma of Nursing. The course is delivered on a full-time or part-time basis. It is a full-fee course and VET FEE-HELP is available to eligible students. Year 12 students apply directly to Mater Education, not through QTAC. The full-time course has two intakes in February and July. Students who successfully complete the Diploma of Nursing through Mater Education are guaranteed up to one year's credit towards the three-year Bachelor of Nursing at the University of Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology. See <http://matereducation.qld.edu.au/Courses/Nursing/Diploma-of-Nursing> for more information. In the past, Mater has offered one Indigenous part scholarship and two refugee part scholarships each year. Contact Mater Education later in the year to confirm if these scholarships will be offered in 2017.

## TAFE Queensland Brisbane news

**Doing uni differently** – Did you know you can study a degree course at TAFE? TAFE Queensland Brisbane, South Bank campus delivers degree courses in partnership with the University of Canberra and Federation University. Students can receive from one to two year's credit into these degrees by successfully completing a relevant diploma or advanced diploma at South Bank. See the list of courses offered in the *Degree Pathways 2016 Course Guide* that you can download at <http://tafebrisbane.edu.au/study-with-us/school-students/university-pathways/#.V0KuTelMQ3h>.

**Winter School Program** – TAFE Queensland Brisbane will offer the following one day programs, at a cost of \$20, during the 2016 June/July school holidays:

- 27 June – Hospitality: A life in hospitality – South Bank
- 28 June - Fashion 'Grand Designs – Great Fashions' – Mt Gravatt
- 28 June – Robotics/Networking – Mt Gravatt
- 29 June - Hospitality: A life in hospitality Mt Gravatt
- 29 June – Horticulture/Animal Studies – Mt Gravatt
- 30 June - Fashion 'Grand Designs – Great Fashions' – at South Bank

- 30 June – IT: Mobile Aps – Mt Gravatt
- 1 July – Photography: Light Painting – Mt Gravatt
- 4 July – Justice – Drugs and Law Q & A Qld Police and Solicitor – South Bank
- 4 July – Business/Marketing: Drone Racing Planning, Marketing, Doing! – South Bank
- 7 July - Film and TV 'One story to rule them all' – South Bank
- 7 July – Tourism and Events: Overview of the industry and career paths – South Bank
- 8 July – Acting and Performance – South Bank
- 8 July – Hair, Make-up, Glamour – Mt Gravatt
- 8 July – Cooking and Baking – South Bank

## Head Start at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

USQ's Head Start program gives Year 10, 11 and 12 students an opportunity to study university subjects while still at school. In addition, the program provides:

- Guaranteed entry into a related USQ program on successful completion of a Head Start subject. Students must also meet the prerequisite subject requirements for the course
- A bonus for completing a Head Start subject when applying through QTAC
- Fee exemption (the first Head Start course/subject is free)
- Two points towards the Queensland Certificate of Education
- Academic credit towards a USQ degree
- Learn about a potential career as well as discovering what uni is like.

The Head Start program is offered online and at the Toowoomba, Springfield and Ipswich campuses. Applications for Semester two are now open and will close on 20 June 2016. Find out more at <http://www.usq.edu.au/headstart>. To participate in Head Start, students must have the permission of their parents and their school.



## Upcoming Australian Defence Force information sessions

Monday 30 May 2016 at 6 pm - Commando Information Session at Defence Force Recruiting **Gold Coast**, Robina. Walk-ins welcome. To book your spot, email your details to [cptgoldcoast@dfr.com.au](mailto:cptgoldcoast@dfr.com.au).

Tuesday 31 May 2016 at 6 pm - Commando Information Session at Defence Force Recruiting **Brisbane**. Walk-ins welcome. To book your spot, email your details to [CPTQLD@dfr.com.au](mailto:CPTQLD@dfr.com.au).

See <https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events> for details of these information sessions. You can also find information sessions about the Army Reserve on this site.

# Employment

## Australian Jobs 2016

Want to know the employment trends for jobs you are interested in? The Australian Jobs 2016 booklet provides information about employment trends by location, age, industry and occupation. It will help you understand where the jobs are and what employers look for when recruiting. It highlights the changes in the Australian labour market, noting that large numbers of new jobs are expected to be created over the next five years. It also provides a guide to where these jobs are likely to be. Download the booklet at <https://docs.employment.gov.au/documents/australian-jobs-2015-publication> (click on the PDF file).

## The hidden jobs market

The following points are adapted from 'Where are all the jobs? The hidden jobs market' written by Marni Williams. The full article can be accessed from the Career FAQs website at <http://www.careerfaqs.com.au/news/news-and-views/where-are-all-the-jobs-the-hidden-jobs-market-revealed/>.

- The hidden jobs market consists of jobs that are available but aren't advertised.
- It is estimated to be from 50 - 80 per cent of the entire jobs market.
- To access the hidden jobs market you need to network.
- Networking is not just about meeting lots of people. Effective networking means being focused by first deciding what sort of work you want.
- Then you need to identify employers who offer that sort of work. A helpful website that lists large employers in Australia is *Job Adviser* at <http://www.jobadvisor.com.au/>. Your social network (family, friends, friends' parents, neighbours, etc.) can also help you identify employers.
- Put dollars at the bottom of your priority list, particularly when you're starting out.
- You may not get your ideal job first up. It is more important to find an employer and job that gives you a pathway you want to take.
- Approach employers who look promising. There's a fine line between being persistent and being annoying, so always be very conscious and respectful of people's time.



- If you say you want to work for an organisation, have a clear set of reasons why – saying, ‘because you look like a cool company’ isn't a very strong reason. Instead think about their values as a business, the market they operate in, their reputation, how they fit in with your own vision.

# Indigenous

## **ASSETS summer schools for STEM**

The summer schools are open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from all over Australia who are in Year 10 and who are interested in science, technology, engineering and maths. The 2016-17 summer schools will be held in Adelaide, Newcastle and Townsville. Each summer school has cultural, academic and personal development strands. Visit <http://www.csiro.au/en/Education/Programs/Indigenous-STEM> (click on ‘Upcoming summer schools’) for program details. Applications will open on 13 June 2016 and close on 31 July 2016.

## **InspireU Business**

This is the University of Queensland’s residential business camp for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 11 and 12 students with an interest in studying business. It will be held from 26 June – 1 July 2016 (during the school holidays) at the St Lucia campus. Students will participate in workshops, lectures, workplace visits and other activities designed to provide a practical insight into business and economics and the many opportunities for study and careers in this industry. Applications close at 5 pm on Friday 27 May 2016. Visit <http://www.atsis.uq.edu.au/inspireu-business> to access the application.

## **Reminder about the 2016 Indigenous Youth Leadership Camp**

Applications are open for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 10 - 12 to attend the 2016 Indigenous Youth Leadership Camp (IYLC). IYLC will be held at International House (a residential college) at the University of Queensland, Brisbane from Monday 27 June to Thursday 30 June 2016 and is free for students. The camp will give students a chance to develop their leadership skills, experience residential and university life, improve their team work skills and public speaking abilities, and establish strong friendships with current university students and fellow high school students from across Queensland.

Applications are to be filled out by the student’s parents/guardians by Friday 10 June 2016. They can be downloaded from <http://www.internationalhouse.uq.edu.au/event/indigenous-youth-leadership-camp-2016/>. For more information, visit the IYLC Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/IndigenousYouthLeadershipCamp>. You can also email questions or concerns to Taylah, the IYLC Officer, at [ihfoundation@inhouse.uq.edu.au](mailto:ihfoundation@inhouse.uq.edu.au).



## **Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo this weekend**

A reminder that this expo will be held on Friday 27 and Saturday 28 May 2016 at the Brisbane Convention Exhibition Centre. At the Expo you will be able to talk to representatives from universities, TAFE Queensland, private colleges, industry groups, gap year programs, etc. Seminars will also be held. You might be interested in the following seminars.

- **Pathways to your future** presented by QATC staff
- **Career Options in the Australian Defence Force** presented by Defence Force Recruiting
- **What study options are available overseas** presented by Study and Play USA
- **What jobs suit your interests and skills** presented by Careers Australia
- **What happens if I don't get the ATAR/OP I need?** Presented by TAFE Queensland
- **Everything you need to know on how to secure scholarships** presented by the University of Southern Queensland

Check out the times for these seminars on the Expo website at <http://careeremploymentexpo.com.au/brisbane/>. You can register to attend on this website to get ahead of the crowd

## **JMC Academy Information Session**

JMC Academy is a private college that offers diploma and degree courses in Animation, Audio Engineering and Sound Production, Contemporary Music and Performance, Digital Design, Entertainment Business Management, Film and Television Production, Game Development and Song writing. It will hold an Information Session at its South Brisbane campus from 6 – 7 pm on Tuesday 7 June 2016. For more information and to book to attend, go to <http://www.imcacademy.edu.au/events/information-sessions/jmc-academy-information-sessions>.

## **Natural Health Open Day at Endeavour**

Endeavour College of Natural Health, located in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast, offers degree courses in Acupuncture, Myotherapy, Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine and Complementary Medicine. It will hold Open Days at both of its campuses on



Saturday 25 June 2016. For information about these events and to register to attend, visit <http://www.endeavour.edu.au/events>.

## **Open Night at Christian Heritage College (CHC)**

CHC is a Christian higher education institution that offers accredited bachelor degrees in business, education, humanities, social science and ministry. The college is located in Mansfield, Brisbane. Applications to CHC are through QTAC. HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP are available to eligible students. The college will hold an Open Night from 5.30 – 7 pm on Wednesday 22 June 2016. At this event you can talk to CHC staff about their courses and the careers they lead to. Register to attend at <http://www.chc.edu.au/event/chc-open-night/>. You can download the CHC 2017 course guide at <http://www.chc.edu.au/2017-course-guide-now-available/>.

## **Rediscover TAFE Queensland South West**

Explore the practical courses, facilities, payment options and pathways to further study on offer at Rediscover TAFE Queensland South West to be held on:

- 9 June 2016 from 9 am – 6 pm at the Bundamba campus
- 16 June 2016 from 9 am – 6 pm at the Toowoomba campus.

Visit <http://tafesouthwest.edu.au/about-us/events/#.V0FMRulMQ3g> for more information.

## **TAFE Queensland East Coast Information Sessions**

Visit TAFE Queensland East Coast on 14 June 2016 for information about the courses offered and a tour of the facilities at the Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and Gympie campuses. Details at <http://tafeeastcoast.edu.au/about-us/events/#.V0FKuulMQ3h>



## **One – Minute Film Competition**

This competition provides Australian and New Zealand primary and secondary-school students with the opportunity to make a 60-second short film or animation. The theme for this year's competition is Diversity. The two first-place prizes include \$1000 in cash. Entries close on 5 August 2016. Find out more at <http://1-minutefilmcompetition.org/>.



## Top 10 tips for study success for high school and university students

The following tips are from the University of the Sunshine Coast.

**Location, Location, Location** - Are you serious about getting your study done? Find a good location. Use libraries, study rooms or empty classrooms. Have a space especially for study.

**Make it a habit. Do some study every day** - Cramming is not a good way to understand and retain large amounts of information. Schedule some time every day to stay on top of reading and research.

**Help exists. Search for it and improve your grades** - Whether you are an A student or a D student, you can strengthen your skills. Get to know your teachers and other support people and ask for help when you need it.

**Write it down** - Use a day planner or wall calendar. Plan time for coursework and plan ahead for assignments and exam periods.

**Get energised. Eat, exercise, sleep** - Fatigue and stress weaken memory and comprehension. Eat properly, exercise regularly and get adequate sleep.

**Perform like a pro. Go to class prepared and take good notes** - Don't miss classes. Someone else's notes are not going to be as good as having gone to the class yourself. While taking notes, listen for examples or emphasised points. Ask questions. Learn as you go and you won't find yourself unprepared the night before the exam.

**What's the 'big picture'?** - Learning requires understanding of how pieces of information fit together to form a 'big picture'. Use course outlines, tables of contents, and headings and subheadings to organise information.

**Do something to remember key information** - Be active! Generate examples, create reminders and prompts, make summary notes, identify key words, highlight textbooks or add margin notes. Improve your memory by being creative and interested.

**Think you'll remember key points? Prove it!** - No matter how well you understand something, without practice forgetting will occur. Before a test, recall information without looking at notes or textbooks and by doing practice questions.

**Be 'test smart'** - Don't lose marks because of test-writing errors. Use strategies to tackle different types of tests. Read instructions, budget time to marks and do less difficult questions first to build confidence.

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