5 August 2016

Principal’s Report

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Parent teacher interviews were conducted last Tuesday evening. We had a reasonable parent attendance and I trust our teachers provided reliable and timely feedback informing you of your son/daughter’s progress over the past semester.

This week we received notification that our State Showcase submission Wynnum Manly State Education Alliance - powerful, empowering partnerships has been announced as a 2016 Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools state finalist! This means we have been recognised for promoting State Schooling excellence, curriculum, teaching and learning in the Wynnum and Manly area. Brisbane Bayside State College has led the way with the application of this submission and reflects the leadership, collegiality and professionalism of the work of all the state high and primary schools in our local cluster. We will be receiving grants to further this agenda and we have our fingers crossed when we venture to the State finals in late October.

Congratulations to the Open Boys Touch team who won the GBS title for the 5th year in a row on the weekend. What a magnificent achievement! BBSC finished 3rd overall and thank you to all coaches and supporters at Macgregor SHS. Thanks to Mr Sanderson, Mr Hasson, Miss Harley, Mr Jovel, Mr Walker, Miss Norris, Miss Comelli, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Stone and Mr Wilson for their coaching and support. The final GBS competition is volleyball and will be held at BBSC at the end of August.

Mrs Taylor has been successful in gaining an acting Deputy Principal position at Aviation High for the remainder of the year. Congratulations to Mrs Taylor who deserves this opportunity.

Preliminary NAPLAN results were released to schools this week. Parents of year 7 and 9 students should have received individual reports in the mail by now. BBSC preliminary results reflect similar results to the nation in upper two bands, mean and minimum standards in reading, numeracy, spelling, grammar and punctuation in both year 7 and 9. Writing results have certainly improved and will be a strategic priority in 2017. A more detailed analysis will continue to be in the next gazette.
On Wednesday we had a very successful cultural ‘Arts’ and ‘STEM’ transition day. Some of our finest primary school students from our local feeder school attended BBSC to experience our great facilities and be taught by our expert teachers. Thank you to Mrs Stitt, Mrs Miles, Mrs Cassidy, Mrs Sullivan, Mr Robson and Mr Cox for their contributions on the day. Manly West were the successful STEM school on the day.

**Until next gazette,**

**Kind Regards**

**Darren Wallwork**

## NAPLAN Reports

Parents of students in year 7 and 9 at the college should have received their individual students NAPLAN report this week. Below are a few points to consider when reviewing this data with your child.

- The tests complement school assessments of literacy and numeracy.
- The student report in conjunction with other forms of assessment contributes to a balanced view of student achievement.
- The tests contain questions of varying difficulty to cover a broad range of student abilities. There are some questions that most students answered correctly and there are some questions that only a few students answered correctly.
- The tests are written with reference to the national *Statements of Learning for English* and the *Statements of Learning for Mathematics*.
- Only some aspects of literacy (Language conventions, Writing and Reading) and numeracy (Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, chance and data; Number; and Space) are assessed.
- A student’s writing result is based on first-draft writing.
- The information about each student’s performances is confidential and is known only to the parents/carers, the teacher and the school.
- The student’s performances may be compared with the national minimum standard for that cohort.

If you would like more information, please visit the QCAA website below. Alternatively, phone 07 3864 0481 or email NAPLAN.tests@qca.qld.edu.au.

http://www.qca.qld.edu.au

## ABCN

Brisbane Bayside State College has partnered up with the Australian Business Community Network (ABCN) in providing opportunities to students from across the college to enhance their learning experiences by working with mentors from PricewaterhouseCoopers and Ernst & Young.

## Focus 2 (PricewaterhouseCoopers partnership)

Eight students from Years 10 and 11 have successfully completed their Focus 1 program and have started their second part of the program (Focus 2) in developing Leadership characteristics, communicating as leaders and motivation and leadership. Some of the students have already expressed an interest in using their gained skills for leadership positions for 2017.

## Interview 2 Impress (Ernst & Young)

On Thursday 11th August there will be 20 Year 10 and 11 students taking part in a one day program in the city at Ernst & Young. The program is designed to give students the necessary practical skills needed to engage in post schooling employment options and careers. Students will have the opportunity to explore interview skills and techniques while gaining an insight to what employers are looking for in their employees.

**Frederic Legrand**

**BBSC ABCN Coordinator**

## Flexible Learning Program Update Week 3 Term 3

The ‘You-Turn’ Flexible Learning Program kicks on into Term 3 with some of our most exciting work.

The ‘junior’ class move onto two units: **Video Games & Violence, & Our Jaffle Business.**

In **Video Games & Violence**, students play and analyse games that show the realities of violence and question the ethics and key differences between some of the more traditionally violent video games people play and the reality of violence and its impact on others.

This has so far included paying our respects at a War Memorial and using donated X-Box 360’s & PlayStation 3’s to play a video game titled “Valiant Hearts” which allows students to play through the eyes of 5 characters caught up in the madness that was World War 1.

Students play games and use the information they learn to record facts and points of interest about World War 1. Is there a better way to learn than by playing video games?

In **Our Jaffle Business**, students have been busy preparing their own business of selling toasted sandwiches (‘Jaffles’) to staff at the end of term. Each student brings $5 to purchase a stake in the business. The harder they work on advertising, developing a good product etc., the higher the group’s share of the profits come the end of term. Food + Money = a great learning combination!

Finally for the juniors, the **Paddock to Plate** unit finished earlier this term with students harvesting their garden vegetables to
produce amazing dishes including Silverbeet Pie, Carrot Cake, Snow Pea Pasta Salad and much more. Mr. Bailey delivered the ultimate goods by bringing in a roast pork! Perfect table manners and the invitation of the students’ favourite teachers (Surinder Dhillon & Oscar Olson) meant that the roast lunch was a standout success.

For the ‘senior’ class, projects continue to roll-on. The class has finally finished preparing their stencils for their street art theme ‘Warriors’ to be spray-painted out in the community at a yet-to-be-named Wynnum-Manly location. They are also preparing for camp at the end of term. The class has to prepare **everything** for the trip including booking transport, learning how to pitch tents, make fire, budget and purchase cooking supplies and ingredients and much more.

Stay tuned and let the good times roll on.

Ryley Webster and Tyler Pure working through the battle of Ypres in WW1 and noting key war facts and information along the way. The best way to learn and have fun!

Mackenzie Mackay and Cayla Tyson with their big hit, the silver beet pie.

The class prepares to eat their home-grown vegetables as Mr Bailey carves up the roast.

Surinder Dhillon and Oscar Olson joined us for a sit-down meal. Excellent table manners were observed!

The ‘senior’ class puts finishing touches on their street murals

**Dan Bailey**  
Flexible Learning Coordinator

**Need for Feed Program**

The Need for Feed program is a program organised and facilitated by Diabetes Queensland and run in schools by Home Economics teachers. This year, we were lucky to be able to run this program and along with 18 dedicated students including; Lili Smith, Tre Shoobert, Jacinta Ljubas, Reyd O’Loghlen, Hugo Mahony, Issac Belden, Billy Walker, Chloe Sooveere, Natasha Mann, Lachlan Raper, Joshua Bateson, Tiffany Tsakrios, Jessica Levey, Cody Creese, Caitlyn Luyten, Shelby Best-Noon, Alannah Stammer and Katherine Windle.

**Kaitlyn Follet**

**Safe Drive 2016**

On Wednesday 22nd June, 20 year 12 students attended the Safe Drive Defensive Driving Course at Willowbank. They participated in practical driving sessions that focused on braking and steering, and multi-media theoretical sessions that covered all aspects of safe, proactive driving. All the students...
had a fantastic time and will now be able to use these essential life skills when driving in the future.

Congratulations to these students for their successful completion of the Safe Drive Program:

Abbi, Rachel, Chloe, Prachi, Jordan, Phoebe, Hannah, Kelsey, Brianna, Dylan, Tyla, Shaun, Jayden, Jessica, Praewphan, Natalie, Christina, Caitlyn, Sophie & Maddy.

Natasha Stone

GBS Touch Football Tournament

Last Saturday our GBS Touch Football teams went into battle at Macgregor SHS to compete in the 2016 Touch Football Gala day. A beautiful day for football was enjoyed by all with the weather turning on a sceptical for a day of speed, skills and tightly fought competition. Our team of coaches had spent many an afternoon, lunch time, and even mornings to whip our students into gear and the results were in the pudding.

Wallwork went into the day with the pressure of taking his senior boys to back to back to back titles, and he did not let us down. The senior boys again took out the title after a stellar performance all day, going through undefeated and taking that momentum into the final saw a 7-1 domination on the score board. Great performances from Tepi Puke-Riki and Brandon L’Barrow were highlights from the day.

The Open girls put in a fantastic effort despite playing their round 1 and 2 games with no substitutes. They unfortunately were unable to win their matches; however they only conceded 2 touchdowns each game- a great achievement considering they were playing full games with no rest.

The middle boys got off to a rocky start going down in the first game to the hosts Macgregor by just 1. They took the second game out, with an easy win over Ferny Grove, which picked their spirits back up. The last game was the best game the middle boys played. They worked hard, communicated and supported each other the entire game which saw them come away with a clean win. At the end of the pool matches, it was extremely close with 3 teams tying for second place; BBSC, Ferny Grove and Kenmore, unfortunately we were pipped my 3 measly points and missed out of finals action.

The middle girls come into the competition full of confidence after several solid sessions on the track. With a game plan in mind the girls represented well and were unlucky to loose in several of their games. With plenty of good signs and a plan to keep the team together for an attack next year, Coach Harley was beaming with excitement.

The junior boys proved to be strong competitors on Saturday and finished solidly with a third place. They certainly showed all their hard training on the day and will be the team to watch out for next year – Coach Comelli was unable to single out any players at team effort was the key to success.

Junior Girls started the day with a nail biting win against MacGregor scoring just after the hooter to seal a 2-1 win. The girls improved every game, and while they didn’t make finals, they finished strongly, going down narrowly to Kenmore, 2-1, in their final match. Nikita Miller was outstanding scoring 3 touchdowns and Janet Morofa was strong in defence, and handful for the opposition in attack.

Congratulations must go to Bailey Te Ohaere and Tepi Puke-Riki who were awarded the Most Valuable Player medals for the day. This topped off with a third place overall made this tournament one of our most successful to date. Thank you to all players and coaches for the time and effort that was put in to make this day a success.

Ben Sanderson

GBS Sports Coordinator

Bayside District Athletics Carnival

BBSC was recently represented by a total 40 students on Thursday and Friday last week at the most recent Bayside District Athletics Carnival held at QSAC, Nathan. Congratulations to the following students who achieved great results in their events;

Janet Morofa (8D)
- 2nd in Javelin
Tiale Taamia (8A)
- 3rd in Shot Put
Nic Thomas (8A)
- 1st in Javelin
- 3rd in Shot Put
Keenan Smith (10E)
- 2nd in Shot Put
- 2nd in Long Jump
Sean Gallagher (7D)
- 3rd in 400m
- 3rd in 200m
- 3rd in 100m

Students who were successful in the making the Bayside District team will receive information in the coming weeks in regards to the Metropolitan East trials being conducted in September. Congratulations to all students involved in the district carnival, you achieved fantastic results over the two days of competition. Thank-you to Miss Comelli, Miss Harley and Mr Harris for your efforts at the carnival.

Stephanie Norris
Dance News

The Senior Dance Squad led by Mr Chris Sheriff competed at Dance Life Unite on Sunday 24th July. The squad who have been rehearsing all year for this event danced with great passion and represented the school with pride scoring very highly in both their sections. They also received fantastic positive feedback for both their contemporary and jazz/funk dances and looked fantastic also. I enjoyed watching their great energy and enthusiasm in action and the squad received great support from family and friends who attended to watch on the day.

Mardi Stitt
Head of The Arts

French News

As part of our French language and cultural studies, year 9 and 10 students were invited to participate in a French cooking workshop run by John Meredith, renowned chef and owner of James Street Cooking School on Tuesday 19th July 2016.

The day allowed students to experience authentic European cuisine, have a hands on experience learning new culinary skills, and gain a better insight into French culture and eating habits. On this occasion, the James Street Cooking School prepared a specially designed menu for our students. This was then demonstrated by the guest chef and the students were taken step by step through the food preparation, cooking process and method. They then worked in pairs to create their own dishes ultimately enjoying the results of their gastronomic efforts at lunchtime. There was even some to take home for dessert!

The chef also demonstrated some other techniques traditional to French culture and cooking, such as the assembly of a croquembouche and the making of spun toffee.

This interactive activity provided an insight and awareness into another culture, which enhanced student engagement and teamwork; as did the camaraderie that went into the tonnes of washing up and game of wet tea towel tag that followed.

The year 9 and 10 French class are already asking when they can do it all again and Chef John and his assistant Helen have said they are keen to return again soon, as they thoroughly enjoyed working with our students who were well mannered, eager to learn and try new things. All in all, the day was a huge success, which the class relished with the gusto of a ‘Marseillais eating bouillabaisse’.

Suzanna Cairns

B.E.A.T. Arts Challenge Day

We were excited to welcome a group of very talented Year 6 students from Wondall Heights State School, Wynnum West State School and Tingalpa State School to our Arts Challenge Day on Wednesday 3rd August. These students focussed on the idea of ‘identity’ and created masks, wrote poetry, and choreographed movement to create a comprehensive performance in two and a half hours. This performance was then showcased to our Principal and Deputy Principals, the teachers and the other students. We were so impressed with their ability to be creative in completing a finished product in such a short time with passion and commitment. Well done to you all and thank you for your participation.

Suzanna Cairns

Twilight Carnivale

Make sure you mark Friday 19th August down on your calendar. Arts students and teachers will be showcasing their
talent in a Carnival atmosphere at the school from 5.00pm. The Twilight Carnivale features performances from drama, dance, music and instrumental music in the PAC and on our outdoor stage as well as roving performers. The BBSC Hospitality Department and P & C Canteen will be selling delicious food and there will be a range of other fun activities which will appeal to younger children also. The Art Gallery will be open and Visual Art works will be a feature in our Finale parade. Tickets for this event will be on sale Term 3 from the Payment Office for $5.00 each (children 5 and under free). Please see the flyer included in this newsletter for further details or contact your child’s Arts teacher.

The Arts Department Presents:

**TWILIGHT CARNIVAL 2016**

Date: August 19th
Time: 5.00pm

Tickets:
- $5.00 pre-sold
- $7.00 at the gate
- And under free

Features:
- Dance, Drama and Music Performances
- and Visual Art Displays

Also: Food, fun, interactive activities, buskers, prizes and a grand finale parade.

Willowbank Raceway

On Thursday 28th and Friday 29th of July, a range of students took time out of their studies to travel to Willowbank Raceway and compete in the annual Human Powered Vehicle - Pedal Prix; an event BBSC's ‘Bayside Bullets’ has been participating in since our schools inception.

This year, we were able to field a year 10 and a senior team in Friday’s 6 hour event against more than 60 other teams and one junior team in Thursday’s 3 hour event against almost 40 teams. Our students represented their College remarkably, and it was fantastic to witness each of the team members contribute their own 100% to the common goal of completing as many laps as possible during the race.

**Race Results:**

**Junior Team:**

- **Team Name:** Bayside BB’s
- **Riders:** Ryan Murphy, Caelen Farlow, Josh Savage, Kalani Weeks, Declan O’Byrne, Patrick Nash.
- **Laps:** 121 (0.5km track)
- **Position:** 14th of 39

Highlight: Caelen Farlow tearing up the track and leaving other bikes in his wake!

**Year 10 Team:**

- **Team Name:** Pistol Whip
- **Riders:** Bailey Welch, Cameron Poulsen, Greg McCurran, Jacob Miller, Tom Hall.
- **Laps:** 119 (1.1km track)
- **Position:** 12th of 64

Highlight: Cameron Poulsen rolling during practice. Being asked if Greg was in our year 8 team too.

**Senior Team:**

- **Team Name:** Revolver
- **Riders:** Brandon L’Barrow, Lucas Terpreau, Sean McLauchlan, Tim Bennetts, Nick Webb, Niko Sly.
- **Laps:** 119 (1.1km track)
- **Position:** 10th of 64 (3rd early in race prior to mechanical failure)

Highlight: Lucas and Brandon’s rivalry to set the fastest lap. Niko being too big to fit into the bike.

The students who competed did their College very proud and set new records for future teams. The Human Powered Vehicle program at BBSC is just another example of the amazing opportunities available in and outside our curriculum. This project would not be possible without the support and/or sponsorship from our valued industry partners – Port of Brisbane, Cyc’d for Bikes, Caltex, and Bunnings Warehouse.

P & C Operations

**Canteen**

The Canteen is open every day from 8am and available for Breakfast, Recess and Lunch.

We welcome orders daily so please see our team for your order form. ALL orders must be placed by 8.45am.

**Uniform Shop – Opening Hours**

The Uniform Shop is open from 8am to 11.45am on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**Uniform Orders:**

If you are unable to make it into the shop during open hours, we will happily provide uniforms to your student with a completed order form. Forms can be delivered to the uniform shop or emailed to uniformshop@brisbanebaysidesc.eq.edu.au. Payment can be made via cash, cheque (made payable to BBSC P&C uniform shop) or credit card by filling in your card details on the order form. Alternatively, we can take credit card payments over the phone. We also provide assistance with sizing your student.
Second Hand Uniforms:
Your donations are greatly appreciated. Second hand uniforms can be donated to the P&C Association – these uniforms will be sold in the uniform shop. All proceeds will be utilised in the provision of college facilities, services and resources. Donations can be left at either the uniform shop or the college office. Donations are very welcome and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Private Sale of Second Hand Uniforms
SCHOOL SECONDS – your #1 Online School Classified Site specialising in recycled school essentials servicing all Australian families and Schools.

BUY or SELL your pre-owned school essentials 24/7—school uniforms, school textbooks, sports apparel & equipment, hobbies, computers/IT, musical instruments, formal wear, UNI/TAFE, and more!

Your school is a member of School Seconds – earn Rewards for your School for every listing you place!
http://www.schoolseconds.com.au
http://www.facebook.com/schoolseconds

“We hope that you will use our online classified site to buy and sell your unwanted school essentials to help out not only yourself, but others in your school community, as well as earning rewards for your School. And let’s not forget the positive affect on the environment in recycling.”

Paula Hewitt
P & C Operations Manager

FINANCE NEWS
NEW Finance Office Opening Hours
Monday – Friday
8.00am – 3.00pm

Statements were issued last week.
Would you please endeavour to make your payments promptly.
Thank you to all families who are continuing to make payments and to those families who have completed their payment of account.

It is greatly appreciated.

There are several ID cards still to be collected.
Here is a quick user guide to follow when using BPOINT for payments:

QPARENTS
Did you know you can access your student’s information online now?
Your child’s educational journey is in your hands. You can access their daily timetable on your phone, tablet or computer as well as their Semester report cards. You can notify the school of your child’s absences and monitor their attendance as well.

To start the registration process you need to receive an invitation email, 100 points of ID documents and your student’s EQ ID number.

Click on the diagram below which outlines the step by step process to register.

If you are not online at your residence or not feeling comfortable completing the registration, please feel free to come in and talk with our friendly office staff so we can assist you with this process.

If you no longer have the invitation email sent earlier this year giving you access to register for QParents, please do not hesitate to contact the school so we can arrange to send it again.

Now you are registered you can access your student’s invoices and payment details through QParents.
https://qparents.qld.edu.au/
You can pay school invoices online with a debit/credit card. If you are currently registered to access QParents you can view your student’s report through this portal. You can then download the report which goes to your email allowing you to save or print the document.

Holly Brown

BABI Youth and Family Service

Parenting & Enjoying Teenagers

A relented, information & enjoyable group program for Parents and Carers of children 10yrs+

Topics covered:
- Adolescent development & challenges of parenting
- Highlighting and building on strengths
- Using effective and assertive communication
- Building your relationship with your teenager
- Setting limits and boundaries
- Improving life balance and developing self-care strategies
- Dealing with anger – yours and your teenagers!
- Hot topics: sex, drugs, alcohol and drug use, driving, social media and more!

TERM 3 - 2016: Dates for Group Program

Evening Group

Monday Evenings: 6:00pm to 8:30pm
1st August to 12th September
Venue: Headspace Capalaba
1229-37 Mentmore Bay Road, Capalaba (next door to Eureka Street Furniture)

Who & where

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Terms and conditions apply.

BABI Youth and Family Service

Year Books

The 2015 Year Book has arrived and is available for collection in the office.

Who Should I Talk To If…

Calendar

08.08.16 Year 10 to 11 Subject Selection Evening
09.08.16 P & C Meeting
10.08.16 Exhibition Holiday
11.08.16 Year 12 Legal and SOS Excursion – UQ Cirm Experience
16.08.16 Year 11 and 12 Business Dreamworld Excursion
18.08.16 Year 11 Golf PED Excursion
19.08.16 Twilight Carnivale 2016
23.08.16 Year 7 and 8 - BCC Immunisations
24.08.16 Year 11 Film Television and New Media Atom Film Excursion
30.08.16 Year 12 QCS Test
31.08.16
01.09.16 Open Morning
05.09.16 – 09.09.16 Year 12 Exam Block
07.09.16 Enrolment Afternoon
08.09.16 Year 11 Home Economics Reverse Garbage Excursion
08.09.16 Year 11 Hospitality COTAH Excursion
13.09.16 P & C Meeting
12.11.16 P & C Trivia Night
Welcome to the Pathways Newsletter. In this newsletter you’ll find information about school and post school opportunities, options and advice.

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Mrs Nicole Collins (Guidance Officer) ncoll1@eq.edu.au
Mrs Sandra Dickson (Senior Pathways Administration Officer - Monday, Wednesday and Fridays) sdick83@eq.edu.au
Mrs Mimi Pace (Youth Support Coordinator) mpace8@eq.edu.au

Important Dates:
- Yr10 into 11 Subject Information evening Monday 8 August
- Careers Investigation Event for Yr 10 and 12 Tuesday 9 August
- Senior Education and Training Plan Interview, Yr 10 students/parents/guardians 17, 24 Aug
- Years7 into 8, 8 into 9, 9 into 10 Subject Selection completion 28 August
- QCS Test - 30th and 31st August
- QTAC Online Applications due: 30 September $37 (if using BPAY pay before 27 September)

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Apprenticeships and Apprenticeships with Aurizon

Aurizon Holdings provides rail and road-based freight services across Australia. The company offers apprenticeships in the following areas:

- Electrical Tradesperson
- Telecommunications Tradesperson
- Mechanical and Diesel Fitters or Mechanical Fitter and/or Turner
- Heavy Fabrication (Boilermaker)
- Surface Trimmer
- Power Traction Linesperson.

Traineeships are also available.


Automotive, technical and parts apprenticeships

Students can apply for automotive apprenticeships with major vehicle manufacturers across Australia through Vantage Automotive Pty Ltd. Visit the link below and click on ‘Apprenticeship Programs’ for more information.

http://www.vantageautomotive.com/

Certificate II in Plumbing and Certificate I in Construction

TAFE Queensland SkillsTech will offer this 18-month combined program commencing mid-August 2016 at its Alexandra Hills Training Centre. Students will attend from 8 am – 4 pm each Wednesday (school holidays excluded). Students must be in Year 11. The program is subsidised by the Queensland Government. Students who successfully complete the program will obtain seven QCE credits (three credits for Certificate I/ four credits for Certificate II). Contact the TAFE at Schools team on phone 3244 0376 or email schools.skillstech@tafe.qld.edu.au to nominate. Nominations close on 29 July 2016.

The My Skills website

This website at the link below provides a national directory of vocational education and training (VET) courses and providers. On the site you can search by type of course, job title or industry. The information provided includes:


- An overview of each course as well as course details
- A list of course providers
- Career and course pathways
- Employment outcomes and average salary.

A list of Government supported courses, case studies, VET FEE-HELP calculator for eligible courses, skills in demand in each state and overall student outcomes are included on the site.

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions

Joining the ADF is not just a career decision, it is also a lifestyle decision. Consequently, it is important to do your research. Attending an information session lets you explore your options and talk to people already in the ADF. Consider attending one of the following sessions:


See the link below for details of these information sessions. You can also find information sessions about the Army Reserve on this site.

https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events
Career Quiz app

The Career Quiz on the Job Outlook website at the link below can be downloaded as a free app from the iTunes store or Google Play. The quiz is useful for people who haven’t a clue about how to start exploring their career options.


Don’t know where to begin your career exploration?

One way is to first think about the school subjects you have studied and liked. Then go to the Career Bullseyes on the myfuture website at the link below. There are 33 subject area bullseyes you can choose from. Click on one that aligns with your favourite subject. The bullseye that comes up lists the occupations or jobs related to that subject.

https://myfuture.edu.au/career-bullseyes

The occupations/jobs are positioned within four levels. As explained at the bottom of the bullseye, these indicate the level of education/training normally required to get into the job. Click on a job that looks interesting within the level of education/training you aspire to.

You will be required to ‘Sign up’ (if this is the first time you have used myfuture) or ‘Log in’ to access information about this job. The information provided includes:

- An overview of the job, the tasks usually required, similar occupations and, usually, a video about the job
- The skill level, personal requirements and knowledge areas you will need for the job
- Suggested school subjects that would be a good foundation for the job
- Courses available in each state/territory
- The ‘Prospects’ section provides information on employment prospects (i.e. what are your chances of getting a job), salary levels, related industries (to expand your exploration) and helpful industry websites.

Explore the information for other jobs on the bullseye. You can also explore jobs related to your other favourite subjects. If all else fails and you are none the wiser about what you might like to do in the future, make an appointment to talk with your school Guidance Officer, Mrs Collins.

Buy Smart Competition

Try your hand at creating an innovative way to present a consumer issue to an audience of your choice by entering this competition. It is open to Queensland students in Years 4 – 12.

You can enter individually or in a group of up to six. The closing date is 16 September 2016.


Country to Canberra Leadership Competition

Each year Country to Canberra runs the Leadership Competition. This year the competition will enable at least 10 young rural women to win an all-expenses paid trip to Canberra to meet inspiring politicians and CEOs, attend exclusive events, tour Parliament, and receive a day of leadership and public speaking training from organisations like TEDxCanberra. The competition opens on 27 July and closes on 9 September 2016.


Science Trivia Challenges

Griffith University will hold these challenges as part of National Science Week. Students from Year 5 to 12 can enter. The challenges will be held on the Gold Coast and Brisbane South. If this sounds interesting, talk to your science teacher about entering the challenge. For more information, see http://scienceonthego.griffith.edu.au/events/science-trivia-challenge-2/ for the Gold Coast challenge and http://scienceonthego.griffith.edu.au/events/science-trivia-challenge-2-2/ for the Brisbane South challenge.

The 2016 Queensland Science Contest

Registrations are now open for this contest. To enter, you need to choose a contest category (Scientific Investigations, Engineering and Technology Projects, Classified Collections, Communicating Science, Environmental Action Projects and Mathematical Investigations). Fill out your entry form online and pay $5 per individual entry before 9 October 2016. Complete your project and send or bring your entry to the University of Queensland on Friday 14 or Saturday 15 October 2016.

http://www.staq.qld.edu.au/queensland-science-contest

Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) applications for 2017

AFTRS, located in Sydney, offers a B Arts Screen with specialisations in Cinematography, Directing, Documentary, Editing, Producing, Radio, Screen, Screen Business, Screen Design, Screen Music, Screenwriting, Sound and 3D Animation. Entry to the course is by direct application to AFTRS between late July and 30 November 2016. This is a competitive course and students are selected on the basis of merit. Specific course details and application tasks will be available on the website:

Mary McConnel School of Early Childhood

The Mary McConnel School is located at Shafston College, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane. It offers a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care, including vocational placements as part of the course. VET FEE-HELP is available for eligible students. Interested students can contact the school to arrange a tour of the campus.

http://www.mmsec.edu.au/

Mater Education Certificate courses

In addition to its Diploma of Nursing, Mater Education, located in Brisbane, offers the following certificate courses.

- Certificate III Allied Health Assistant – This course trains students to work in assistant roles in areas such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, podiatry, social work and speech pathology. See http://matereducation.qld.edu.au/Courses/health-admin-support-pathology/Certificate-III-in-Allied-Health-Assistance#sthash.mDy1ENuX.dpuf
- Certificate III Health Services Assistance – This course prepares students for work in roles such as assistant in nursing, patient care attendant, personal carer, orderly and wards person. See http://matereducation.qld.edu.au/Courses/health-admin-support-pathology/Certificate-III-in-Health-Services-Assistance

There are two intakes per year into these courses. Each course includes a two-week vocational placement. Certificate III guarantee is available for eligible students. Employment outcomes on graduation are good. These courses could be used as taster courses for students unsure of their interest in health occupations.

Open Universities Australia (OUA)

OUA offers online higher education courses. Through OUA, students can:

- Study online, so they have flexibility about when and where they study
- Choose from a large range of undergraduate courses
- Select individual undergraduate units instead of a whole course
- Study with Australian universities e.g. Monash, Griffith, Macquarie, Curtin, RMIT, Swinburne University of Technology, University of South Australia and many more
- Graduate with the same qualification as an on-campus student
- Access online support services.


Queensland Writer’s Centre (QWC) Qld Core Skills Masterclass

QWC’s Youth Program is for young writers between 12 – 18 years of age. It provides an opportunity to learn new skills and techniques. QWC is offering a Queensland Core Skills Masterclass from 10.30 am – 3.30 pm on Saturday 6 August 2016 at the QWC Offices located in the State Library of Queensland at South Brisbane. The Masterclass is designed to help writers in Years 11 and 12 develop high quality ideas in an exam situation.

http://www.qwc.asn.au/events/youth-program/faranda-qcs-aug/

University of Southern Queensland (USQ) snippets

Creative Arts auditions – Within the B Creative Arts at USQ there are five areas of specialisation (Film, Television and Radio; Music; Theatre and Visual Arts). Applicants for the Music, Theatre and Visual Arts specialisations are required to contact USQ or visit the website at the link below to register for an audition and/or interview. This site has links to admission requirements and tips for auditions/interviews/portfolios. Audition/interview dates are:

http://www.usq.edu.au/audition

- Toowoomba – Monday 28 November 2016 and Monday 13 February 2017
- Springfield - Wednesday 30 November 2016.

Open Days – The open day website at http://www.usq.edu.au/study/open-day provides information about the 2016 open day programs at USQ campuses. Register on this website to receive update emails. Open day dates are:

- 7 August - Toowoomba Campus
- 14 August – Ipswich campus
- 21 August - Springfield campus.

TASTE in the September holidays

The Agricultural Skills and Technology Experience (TASTE) is a program for Year 10 – 12 students held at Emerald Agricultural College and Longreach Pastoral College during school holidays. The four-day program is designed to help young people explore the career options available in the rural industry. The next TASTE Program will be held:

- 25 – 29 September 2016 at Emerald Agricultural College
- 25 – 29 September 2016 at Longreach Pastoral College

TASTE is a very popular program, so apply early. For more information and to download the 2016 TASTE flyer, click the link below. This site also provides information about sponsorships and scholarships to help students pay the cost of the program.

http://www.qatc.edu.au/Learn%20with%20us/Pages/TASTE.aspx

The Australian Institute of Applied Sciences (AIAS) free Beauty Showcase

AIAS will hold this event from 10 am – 12 noon on Saturday 13 August 2016 at its Brisbane Beauty Campus, 28 Old Cleveland Road, Stones Corner. The event is for beauty lovers, especially those interested in entering the beauty industry. AIAS offers diplomas in Beauty Therapy and Salon Management. It also
provides nationally accredited courses in Natural Medicine, Massage, Community Services, Counselling and Allied Health.


The University of Queensland (UQ) news

Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics (Honours) (PPE) – This four-year degree will be offered for the first time in semester one, 2017. It is designed for high achievers interested in creating change through a leadership role in politics, business, the community or academia. Prerequisites for the course are English (4, SA) and Maths B (4, SA). Find out more about the course at https://bel.uq.edu.au/bppehons.

Associate Degree in Business: An alternate pathway for Year 12s – This is a four trimester course offered by UQ College at St Lucia campus. There are no subject prerequisites. Successful completion of the course will satisfy English and Maths A prerequisites and provide a pathway, with credit (depending on the course), into UQ degree programs. You apply through QTAC for this course. The cut-off for entry in 2016 was OP 16/ Rank 65.


International student applications to UQ – International students currently completing Year 12 or IB in Australia must apply to UQ through QTAC.

https://future-students.uq.edu.au/apply/undergraduate/international/how-apply/current-year-12-international-applicants

Engineering and Technology Careers Evening – This event will be held at 5 pm on Thursday 18 August 2016. The evening program will provide you with information about UQ’s Engineering and IT courses and give you an opportunity to hear from recent graduates about their experiences in the industry so far.


Japanese Language and Careers Engagement Forum – High school students currently studying Japanese are invited to attend this forum to be held from 3.30 – 6.30 pm on Tuesday 14 September 2016 at the St Lucia campus. Industry representatives and UQ graduates will share insights and experiences from their careers in Japanese business environments. Register your interest to attend by email to Bronwyn May at events@languages-cultures.uq.edu.au.


Pharmacy Experience Day – This event will be held from 10 am – 1 pm on Sunday 21 August 2016 at the Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence (PACE) at Woolloongabba. The program for the day includes an information session on UQ’s B Pharmacy, a mini-lectures about pharmacy, hands-on activities, an opportunity to meet current students, show bags and a sausage sizzle.

http://www.uq.edu.au/pharmacy/begin-your-career

University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) updates

Imaginarium - This is USC’s Open Day. It will be held from 10 am – 2 pm on Sunday 7 August 2016 at the Sippy Downs campus. On the website at the link below you can plan your open day and register for an information session. If you haven’t a clue about what to study, visit the ‘Superpowers’ section on the site for help. You can also enter to win a ‘Superhero Transformation’!

http://www.usc.edu.au/imaginarium

B Business at USC Brisbane – Students can study this course at USC’s Brisbane campus, located on the TAFE Queensland Brisbane South Bank campus. The majors/specialisations available are Accounting; Financial Planning; Human Resource Management; International Business; Management; Marketing; Supply Chain Management; Tourism, Leisure and Event Management.


Scholarships – USC Semester one 2017 undergraduate scholarship applications will open on 1 August and close on 31 October 2016.

http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/what-will-i-pay/scholarships

New courses for 2017 – USC will offer the following new courses in 2017:

http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/courses-and-programs

- B Laws/B Environmental Management
- B Midwifery
- B Recreation and Outdoor Environmental Studies

Health science courses – USC offers a large range of health science courses, including Nursing, Biomedical Science, Nutrition and Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Paramedic Science, Sport and Exercise Science, and Health Science. Read about the courses available at the link below. Each course description includes a video.


Griffith University Updates

New courses – The following are new and restructured courses for 2017:

- Bachelor of Education – The first year of this course will cover fundamental teaching principles. Students choose to specialise in primary or secondary education from second year onwards. The degree can be completed in 3.5 years. See https://www.griffith.edu.au/study/education/education-primary-secondary.

- Bachelor of Design – This course will be offered at the Gold Coast campus with majors in 3D design, fashion design, graphic design, interior design, publication design and visualisation. See https://www.griffith.edu.au/study/visual-creative-arts.
• Bachelor of Laws/B Asian Studies – This new double degree will prepare students for careers in professional legal practice and opportunities in foreign affairs, foreign trade, business consultancy, defence and security agencies. See https://degrees.griffith.edu.au/Program/1544.

Reminder about audition applications – Audition/folio applications for the following courses must be submitted to the Queensland Conservatorium by Monday 15 August 2016.

• B Music
• B Music Technology
• B Musical Theatre
• B Popular Music

https://www.griffith.edu.au/music/queensland-conservatorium/programs-courses/music-audition

Interested in Chinese language and culture? – Chinese immersion courses will be available at the Nathan and Gold Coast campuses during the September and December school holidays.


Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Updates

QUT offers through QTAC this year – QUT will make offers to Year 12 students at the following times for entry in semester one 2017:

• From 18 November for all additional entry courses in the Creative Industries Faculty, except Bachelor of Fine Arts (Acting) and B Design (Honours) (Fashion); Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will receive offers through the Oodgeroo Unit’s Centralised Assessment Selection Program
• From 1 December for Bachelor of Fine Arts (Acting)
• From 21 December (when Year 12 results are available) for applicants who are eligible for an offer (i.e. have a competitive OP/rank and meet any prerequisites) in their highest eligible preference; elite athletes
• January major offer round will still be the main offer round for the majority of QUT courses.
• February offer round will be used to fill any course vacancies.

Where bonus entry ranks (e.g. Entry bonus scheme, EAS, elite athlete bonuses) are available, they will be included for early offers. Otherwise students will be included in the January offer round. Don’t panic if you don’t get an early offer. Remember, most offers will still be made in the major offer rounds. You will be able to check your application on the QTAC applicant portal for advice about your eligibility for courses.

(Scroll down and click on ‘QTAC early offers: What student’s need to know’).

Additional course costs and requirements – These apply to some courses. They could be for uniforms, vaccinations, course materials, etc.

https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/additional-compulsory-course-costs

Fashion illustration for beginners – Registrations are now open for the November 2016 course. The course will provide you with the foundations for creating a portfolio of fashion illustrations using industry-standard design software.

https://www.qut.edu.au/study/short-courses-and-professional-development
(Click on Creative, design and performance’)

Considering a double degree? – Visit the QUT website at the link below to read about the advantages of undertaking a double degree and how it works. There is also information on how to apply for double degrees and a list of double degree programs at QUT.

https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/double-degrees

Caboolture Open Day – Check out the courses offered and the campus at Caboolture on Sunday 21 August 2016.

https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/caboolture-campus-open-day

Future proof jobs and new jobs

An article on the Workforce Blueprint website states that while there are jobs that will be taken over by robots and automation in the future (e.g. commercial pilots, legal work, technical writing, telemarketers, accountants, retail workers and real estate sales agents), many other current jobs will continue to be in demand. These include construction managers, medical and health services managers, sales representatives, registered nurses, market research and marketing specialists, software systems developers, teachers and specialist physicians. But what about the jobs that don’t exist yet? The article lists the following predicted jobs.

• Future Currency Speculator – a virtual currency market expert
• Productivity Counsellor – to provide advice on a range of topics (e.g. wellness, time management) to help employees improve their value to employers
• Microbial Balancer – needed to assess the composition of new forms of bacteria
• Crowdfunding Specialist – expert advisers to help fundraisers promote their causes
• Privacy Consultant – an expert to manage and safeguard our digital information.

What do I need to know when I start a job?

The Fair Work Ombudsman website at the link below has a number of resources that can help. These include:

- Guide to starting a new job
- Starting a new job online course
- Guide for young workers.


Grants for young women

Layne Beachley and her Aim for the Stars Foundation invites Australian females aged 12 years of age and above who need funding to achieve goals in their sporting, academic, community, business, environmental or cultural pursuits to apply for a 2017 grant. The application due date is 17 November 2016.


Low Income Health Care Card

Students may be eligible for this card if they are on a low income and meet the Low Income Health Care Card income test (this card is not subject to an assets test).


Selected upcoming gap year program information events

World Education Program Student Exchange will hold the following information evenings in Queensland.

-7 – 8.30 pm on 24 August 2016 at Fulton Trotter Lounge, 129 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill, Brisbane
https://wep.org.au/lets-talk/sessions/

Camp America’s 2017 Season Launch will be held at 6.30 pm and 8 pm on Tuesday 23 August 2016 at George William Hotel, 317-325 George Street, Brisbane QLD 4000.

AFS Intercultural Programs Australia will hold an online information session from 7 pm on Tuesday 9 August 2016.

YFU Student Exchange

This program arranges for young people, 15 – 18 years of age, to travel and study in a number of overseas countries from two months to 12 months. Students live with a volunteer host family, attend a local school and have the support of the YFU network.

GUMURRII Student Support Unit open nights

This unit provides support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attending Griffith University campuses. It will hold open nights from 5 – 7 pm on Tuesday 16 August 2016 at the Nathan campus and Thursday 18 August 2016 at the Gold Coast campus. Information about support services, programs, study options and direct entry pathways will be provided. Register to attend at the link below. For more information, contact GUMURRII Gold Coast staff on gumurrii-gc@griffith.edu.au.

https://www.griffith.edu.au/gumurrii-student-support-unit/programs

InspireU - Junior Engineering camp

The camp is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 9 and 10 who are interested in studying engineering. The camp is run by staff from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit (ATSIS Unit) at The University of Queensland, St Lucia campus over four days from 26 - 30 September, 2016. If you wish to apply for InspireU Junior 2016 you will need to complete the application form provided by 5 pm 31 August 2016. For more information, contact inspireu@uq.edu.au or phone 07 3365 7417.

https://www.eait.uq.edu.au/inspireu

Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School 8-14 January 2017

The Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School (IAESS), now in its 20th year, provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from around Australia with the opportunity to experience engineering studies and careers.

In January 2017, the University of Sydney will host the IAESS. Open to 20 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students entering Years 10, 11 and 12, the six-day live-in summer school gives these students a taste of engineering as a university course and career. It involves hands-on and challenging activities within the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies as well as site visits to engineering companies. Further information is available from the link below or Ms Trevor, our BBSC Indigenous Support.

http://sydney.edu.au/engineering/iaess/

National Science Week

In 2016, Science Week will be held from 13 – 21 August. Visit the website at the link below to find Science Week activities
near you. The website has lots of resources and ideas for holding your own Science Week event.
http://www.scienceweek.net.au

National Student Volunteer Week

National Student Volunteer Week celebrates young people who make a difference through volunteering. It will be held from 8 – 14 August 2016. Visit the link below and click on ‘Events’ and ‘Queensland’ to see events that will be held during the week.
http://nationalstudentvolunteerweek.org.au/

10 things to ask a health professional

When seeking information about health science occupations, it is important to talk to people who are already in the job. These conversations can be very valuable, especially if you prepare questions in advance. The following questions are suggestions from the My Health Career website:


- What aspects of the career do you like the most or find to be the most rewarding?
- What aspects of the career do you dislike the most or find to be the most challenging?
- What aspects of the profession do students/graduates find to be the most challenging as they are going through the course or entering the workforce?
- What are the differences between how the average person perceives the profession and what you actually do on a day-to-day basis?
- What are the characteristics or personal attributes of a successful practitioner in your profession?
- Please outline a standard case and an unusual case you have come across.
- How much money could a new graduate, experienced practitioner or business owner expect to make?
- What are the different branches or areas of specialization in the profession?
- Has the profession changed over the time of your involvement?
- Looking forwards, where are the opportunities and threats in the profession?

I want to be a pilot but I’m not sure I’m suited for the job

If you are unsure about your aptitude to be a pilot, you could investigate sitting for a pilot aptitude assessment at Aviation Australia.
http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/pilot-aptitude-testing/

ICT for girls

A good resource for female students interested in ICT is the Dot Diva website at the link below. This site profiles women who have made a difference through computing.
http://www.dotdiva.org/

Interested in being a police officer?

Visit the Queensland Police Recruiting website at the link below to begin your exploration. Click on ‘Recruit Entry’ to find out about the entry requirements and how to prepare yourself for a police career. Attending a seminar is also very useful (click on ‘Seminars’) as you get an opportunity to ask questions about the job. The ‘Academy’ section of the site will give you information on the Queensland Police Service Academy.

Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP) information session

ACAP provides accredited diploma and degree courses in counselling, psychology, case management, coaching, social science, social work and youth work. ACAP’s Brisbane campus will hold an information session at 6 pm on 17 August 2016.
http://www.acap.edu.au/

Aviation Careers Expo 2016

This event will be held from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday 20 August 2016 at Aviation Australia, 15 – 25 Boronia Road, Brisbane International Airport. Aviation industry exhibitors, including Defence Force Recruiting, will be at the expo to talk about pathways to a career in aviation.
http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/events/ace/

Design College Australia Open Haus

This college offers an accredited Advanced Diploma in Visual Communication within which students can specialise in graphic design or photography. It also offers diploma courses in graphic design and photography. VET FEE-HELP is available for eligible students. The college will hold and Open Haus from 10 am – 3 pm on Saturday 6 August 2016 at its Brisbane campus in Fortitude Valley.

JMC Academy Open Day

JMC offers diploma and degree courses in the areas of contemporary music performance, audio engineering and sound production, film and television production, 3D animation, entertainment business management and game development. FEE-HELP is available for degree courses for eligible students. It will hold an open day at its Brisbane campus from 10.30 am – 2.30 pm on 6 August 2016.
Open Days for Brisbane THINK Education colleges

THINK Education is a network of colleges of higher education offering courses in design, business, hospitality management, natural therapy and beauty therapy. All of its Brisbane colleges will hold an open day on 13 August 2016 from 10 am – 2 pm. Use the following links for event details and to explore the courses offered by each college.

- APM College of Business and Communication http://www.apm.edu.au/
- Billy Blue College of Design http://www.billyblue.edu.au/
- Australasian College of Natural Therapy http://www.acnt.edu.au/

THINK Education colleges offer an Early Entry Program in which students applying now for entry in 2017 can get an early conditional offer for the course they want before the end of the year. The colleges also offer scholarships with application due dates starting in August 2016 for 2017 courses.

SAE Qantm Open Day

This institute offers degree courses in the fields of animation, audio, design, film, games and web and mobile. FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP are available for eligible students. SAE Qantm will hold an open day from 11 am – 3 pm on Saturday 6 August 2016 at its Brisbane campus in West End. The program on the day will include interactive demonstrations of equipment and facilities, student work displays, information sessions and entertainment. Register for the open day and attend the event for your chance to win one of two GoPro Hero4 Black.


Selected interstate tertiary institution open days

If you are thinking of applying for university studies interstate, you will need to begin your research as soon as possible. Information you should seek, includes:

- Location of the institution (does it have more than one campus?)
- Courses offered, entry prerequisites, previous ATAR cut-offs (go to the Year 12 Comparison Table at http://www.qtac.edu.au/applications/apply-here/applying-interstate to see a comparison between ATARs and OPs)
- Cost of accommodation and when to apply
- Travel costs
- Support for interstate students

- Scholarships and other financial support programs and schemes
- Application process (do you use a tertiary admissions centre or apply directly?)
- Application due dates
- Overseas exchange programs
- Employment programs (e.g. traineeships, work experience).

You can obtain much of this information from the websites of the institutions. Attending an open day would also be useful. The following are a selection of 2016 interstate open days:

Australian Maritime College, Tasmania: Sunday 7 August http://www.amc.edu.au/openday/ (Queensland students can apply through QTAC for courses at this institution)
Australian National University, Canberra: Saturday 27 August http://www.anu.edu.au/study/choose-anu/open-day-2016
Monash University, Victoria: 6 and 7 August http://www.monash.edu/open-day
University of New South Wales: Saturday 3 September http://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/open-day
University of South Australia Sunday 14 August http://www.unisa.edu.au/openday/
University of Tasmania: Sunday 7 August http://info.utas.edu.au/open-day
University of Western Australia Sunday 14 August http://www.openday.uwa.edu.au/
The University of Melbourne: Sunday 21 August https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/
The University of Sydney: Saturday 27 August http://openday.sydney.edu.au/

The Ultimate Uni Checklist

This checklist, produced by the University of the Sunshine Coast, will help you gather information about your future study options as you attend open days, career markets and expos this term. The checklist can be accessed at http://checklistusc.com.au/. It consists of questions you can ask the institutions you are considering. You could add your own questions to the checklist.

Upcoming Queensland tertiary institution open days

These events are a must attend for students interested in studying a tertiary course in 2017.

6 August Christian Heritage College Twilight Markets Open Day from 2 – 6 pm at the Carindale campus:
http://www.chc.edu.au/future-students/open-day/

7 August – University of the Sunshine Coast Sippy Downs campus from 10 am – 2 pm. You can plan your day and register for an information session at:
http://www.usc.edu.au/imaginarium
Elite athlete entry bonus schemes for students applying to university

Elite athlete programs recognise sporting excellence. Successful applicants have usually competed at state, national or international level in their chosen sport. While many universities are recognised as ‘Elite Athlete Friendly’ institutions and offer sports scholarships, the following universities offer entry bonuses to elite athletes.

- Australian Catholic University’s Elite Athlete and Performer Program [http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/elite_athlete_program]
- Queensland University of Technology’s Elite Athlete Special Entry Program [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/special-entry-programs (scroll down and click on ‘Elite Athletes’)]
- Griffith University’s Elite Athletes Program through the Griffith Sports College [http://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-sports-college]
- University of the Sunshine Coast’s Elite Athlete Bonus [http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/how-do-i-apply/entry-pathways/access-usc-bonus-scheme (scroll down to ‘Elite Athlete Bonus’)]

Fixed closing dates

Some courses have fixed closing dates. These are usually courses that require interviews, folios or auditions. In addition, some course requirements may be needed earlier that the QTAC on-time application due date of 30 September 2016. A list of most of these courses and their required closing dates or due dates can be found on pages 20 and 21 of the QTAC Guide. They are also listed for relevant courses in the ‘Courses with applications through QTAC’ section of the Guide, starting from page 29. Examples of early fixed closing dates:

- 15 August – Audition applications for UQ Music
- 15 August – Audition and folio application for Queensland Conservatorium courses
- 31 August – QTAC applications and JCU Application Form submissions from international students for medicine and dentistry (see pages 108 and 109 of the QTAC Guide).
- 9 September – Registration with QUT for Creative Industry courses with additional entry requirements (see page 20 of the QTAC Guide).

Fixed closing date information is also available on the QTAC website at the link below. Note that if you don’t meet the due dates, you will not be considered for the course.


How are applicants selected for courses through QTAC?

Entry to many of the courses you can apply for through QTAC is competitive. Consequently, many institutions use specific selection criteria to select students. Once institution admission rules are met (i.e. English Language Proficiency – automatic for most domestic students; age requirements – generally 18 years or completion of Year 12) selection is based on:

- Meeting minimum entry requirements for the course (these may include subject prerequisites, a folio; interview or audition; tests or questionnaires; the successful completion of a course; and age), and
- Merit (based on OPs and FPs or a QTAC Selection Rank).

Through the QTAC process, eligible applicants (i.e. those who meet the entry requirements) are considered in order of merit (i.e. OP or QTAC Selection Rank). In very simplistic terms, the OP or Rank of the last person to get into the course before all places are filled becomes the cut-off for that course in that offer round.

What is a QTAC Selection Rank?

A QTAC Selection Rank is:

- A number given to a qualification
- On a scale from 1 to 99 (highest/best)
- Derived from a QTAC or institution specific schedule.

Your school guidance officer/counsellor can show you a schedule that compares OPs with QTAC Selection Ranks. Examples of qualifications that may be allocated a QTAC Selection Rank for a Year 12 QTAC applicant include:

- Year 12 results e.g. OP Ineligible students are allocated a QTAC Selection Rank when they apply for tertiary courses through QTAC
- Certificates III and IV, Diplomas
- Some Music, dancing and speech and drama qualifications.
Worried about missing out on updates from QTAC?

QTAC has introduced a new Desktop notification system that will enable you to receive the latest key dates and information vital to your QTAC application. To subscribe, go to the QTAC website at http://www.qtac.edu.au/ (on both your home and school computers) and select the bell symbol in the bottom right-hand corner of the home page. Note that Desktop notifications are available on Chrome and Safari browsers only. Another plan is to connect with QTAC on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube for important news and information.

The laws of learning

The following laws of learning and remembering are oldies but goodies.

- **Primacy** – We tend to remember material that is presented first or early in the lesson.
- **Recency** – Work completed most recently is often best remembered.
- **Frequency** – The more often material is presented or revised the more likely it is to be remembered.
- **Vividness** – Material that is presented in interesting, attention-getting ways is more likely to be remembered.

This information is adapted from Study Smart, Department of Education, Queensland.

Youth Enrichment Activities

National Mathematics Summer School (NMSS)

NMSS is a two-week residential school held each January at the Australian National University for mathematically gifted and talented senior high school students. It will be held from 8 – 21 January 2017. Queensland applications close on Friday 12 August 2016.

http://nmss.edu.au/

'***The above information has been gathered from a range of sources including publicly available websites, institutional and organisational newsletters, student and career advisers and guidance officers. Every effort has been made to ensure the information provided is accurate and up-to-date at the time of publication.***'

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