

Careers Newsletter

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Finishing Year 12- the Countdown

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The **QCAA – Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority** provides the Senior Statement for Year 12, QCE (if eligible) and Tertiary Entrance Statement. Students obtain the information via post, and in their Learning Account at Student Connect, accessed with their Learner Unique Identifier (LUI).

The **QTAC – Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre** manages the process of applying for university and TAFE courses in Queensland.



Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping - they called it opportunity.

Bill Gates

Date	Due	Reminder
9 Dec	QTAC application	Last day to apply online to QTAC for courses in the January offer round
20 Nov	Last day of Year 12!	Before leaving: * Know your LUI, and be able to access Student Connect * Ensure no school email addresses for QTAC or QCAA * School documentation is completed for EAS Applications
25 Nov	SAI's available from schools	OP eligible students can check that their SAI shows they are in the correct position in comparison to other students
30 Nov	Documentation to QTAC for January offer round	* EAS documentation to QTAC * All completed VET qualifications in Learning Account or taken to QTAC
17 Dec	QTAC offer round for many creative arts courses	Creative arts students will have applied early for many courses, and need to keep a watch on their QTAC Application for the December offer round
18 Dec	QCAA posts student results	Make sure QCAA has the correct address! All students receive a statement of results; eligible students receive QCE, OP-eligible students receive Tertiary Entrance Statement with OP (QCAA – Senior Education Profile)
19 Dec	QCAA publishes student results and OP online	Go to Student Connect for results Lost LUI? Go to QCAA Note – time to check your preferences and make sure you have at least two preferences significantly weaker than your OP/expected tertiary selection rank! Look up preferencing
29 Dec	QTAC selection ranks for OP-ineligible students	OP-ineligible students who have applied for courses through QTAC can see their tertiary selection rank, by logging in to their QTAC Application. Note – there may be more than one selection rank for students who have VET qualifications – if you are not sure, contact QTAC
14 Jan	QTAC major offer round	Offers come out for most tertiary courses. Applicants (may) receive one offer, for their highest eligible preference.
21 Jan (10 am)	Response to offer	Students must respond to offer on QTAC Application online. Students can accept, reject or conditionally accept (reorder, and ask for higher preferences to be considered in Feb round)
		(Note – there are also offer rounds in February)



Focus on VET

Not all students want to go to University after school – and not all need to in order to move towards their career goals! BUT we all need to be trained! How can you train? Where can you train... and how do you find out?

Vocational Education and Training can give you:

- Industry skills and knowledge
- Nationally recognized qualifications
- On the job experience, through apprenticeships and traineeships

Look for a VET course in an area of your interest at the [Queensland Government Skills Gateway](#)



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Just want something short over the holiday break?

Why not brush up your resume with the Responsible Service of Alcohol – online – You need this as a starting point for working in any business where alcohol is served Try [Hospitality Institute of Australasia's short course](#)

University of Queensland is offering summer high school languages courses for students entering Year 11 or 12 in 2016. Courses for a day in German, Japanese, French, Chinese and Spanish run 11-15 January. [Course Details and forms](#)

National Institute of Dramatic Art – exciting residential courses for students in Years 11 and 12 in musical theatre, acting, costume design. There are also sessions for students in Years 8-10 on preparing for auditions and screen tests. Look for information at [NIDA](#)

The musical theatre summer school – Griffith University – 6 day course for students 13 years and older – see [Griffith](#)

Or a [Barista short course](#) at TAFE Brisbane or [TAFE North Queensland](#)



Qld Gove – Education & Training

What is an apprenticeship? Traineeship?

An apprenticeship leads to a qualification where there is a high level of skill needed, for example carpentry, hairdressing, car mechanic work.

A traineeship helps you to acquire skills need for a job – for example administrative work, hospitality.

Training organisations such as TAFE, Sarina Russo, Worklinks can help to put training in place.

You can do traineeships and apprenticeships while you are at school – you will be out of school for usually a day a week, will work towards a Certificate II or III or trade qualification, and will also aim for a QCE (at the end of Year 12).

[Download a brochure](#)



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Have you Thought About Your Local Council?

Local Councils offer many opportunities for young people in work experience, volunteering and leadership. Some examples:

[Gold Coast City Council](#) – opportunities for volunteering in animal welfare, art and craft, community activities, fundraising and publicity. These activities help to build your resume, gain skills and meet potential employers.

[Sunshine Coast Council](#) offers work experience placements. Approach your school Guidance Officer for help with organizing insurance, apply at least six weeks in advance and look out for opportunities on the website from February to April. Think about a placement across the April or July school holidays.

The Cairns Regional Council offers young people the opportunity to be a part of the [Cairns Youth Engagement and Action](#) program and have a say in community matters. A fantastic way to have a say in your community and develop leadership and advocacy skills!

A Job in Hospitality – where can it lead?



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Many secondary school students work part time, and local employers rely on students to run their businesses. An [Australian Bureau of Statistics report](#) in 2009 identified that about a third of secondary students had a job. The benefits for young people of this work include:

- gaining employability skills (and, alongside volunteering, increasing the likelihood of employment after post-school education);
- independence, self-reliance;
- career paths into management roles; and
- supporting family finances.

Smith and Patton (2009)

Many of these students work in hospitality – for example in fast food preparation and selling, waiting on tables, managing front of house, barista or bar work. Students often regard these jobs as just a way to gain money, but more and more young people are finding that their part-time work is very important in their career planning.

Hospitality work can lead directly to jobs at a higher level:

- Apprenticeship as a chef
- Hotel management
- Events management

Employability skills gained help students with their school and university studies, and with obtaining a job in another field:

- Communication – dealing with clients
- Teamwork – being in a work team
- Problem Solving – dealing with everyday situations in a workplace and making decisions
- Initiative and enterprise – taking leadership roles
- Planning and organizing – doing rosters, managing other staff
- Technology – cash register, computer
- Learning – Cert II or III; staff training programs
- Self management – focus, planning school around work

Pathways are Endless

No longer do we have a model in Australia where young people choose either to have a job or apprenticeship; or to go to university. Young people who choose to look for full-time work, later find themselves on a pathway through VET to university. Other young people who study business at university find their most important management training happens on the job!

For example:

Certificate III in Hospitality
Operations during school-based
traineeship or after Year 10 at TAFE



Diploma of Hospitality completed
with Private College while working
full-time



Entry to Griffith University to do
[Bachelor of Business – International
Tourism and I Hotel Management](#);
University of Queensland [Bachelor
of International Hotel and Tourism
Management](#); Central Qld University
[Bachelor of Hospitality
Management](#) (and many others)



The sky is the
limit!



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DON'T MISS OUT

Remember, to view all upcoming events visit your School Careers Website under "Important Information". You can even elect to have some or all calendar reminders emailed to you weekly.

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