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Part-time work – what are your rights and responsibilities?

If you currently have a part-time job or are planning to get a full-time or part-time job in the future, you should know about your rights and responsibilities. The myfuture website has a section on work rights and responsibilities. To access the information, go to http://www.myfuture.edu.au/ and do a search for ‘Your rights and responsibilities’. Find answers to the following questions.

- How much will I be paid?
- What are my main working conditions?
- What are my legal entitlements?
- What do I need to know about equity and safety in the workplace?
- Do I have to join a union?
- Under what circumstances can my employment lawfully be terminated?
Pre-enlistment fitness for the Australian Defence Force (ADF)

Many highly regarded applicants miss out on their ADF career opportunity because they do not meet the pre-enlistment fitness assessment. It is vital that applicants continue to maintain an appropriate level of fitness throughout their application process. A 'Get fit for the ADF in just four weeks' guide is available online at http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/fitness/fitnessPlan/.

The ADF Gap Year Challenge

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) will reintroduce its gap year program in 2015. The program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have completed Year 12 and are aged between 17 and 24 years to experience military training and lifestyle while gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year. Gap Year opportunities are available in the Army and Air Force only. For more information and to register your interest in this program, visit http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/. This is a very popular program; so if you are interested, register early.
Career mashers

If you have trouble deciding on any one career, have a go at ‘mashing’ two or more of your career ideas together. For example, if you are interested in writing, but also have a passion for saving the environment, then why not become an environmental writer? If you want to be a carpenter, but want to be a part of the entertainment industry, why not build movie sets for theatre and movie productions?
**2014 Young ICT Explorers competition**

Teams of up to four students can register for this competition through their school by 26 May 2014. Students have until 7 July 2014 to develop their information and communication technology (ICT) projects. Projects could include a mobile phone application, computer game, website, digital art, robot, short film or animation. Visit [http://www.youngictexplorers.net.au/cms/](http://www.youngictexplorers.net.au/cms/) for details about the competition and to read about the projects that won the competition in 2013. Talk to your IT teacher if you wish to be involved in this competition.

**A competition for poets**

The Ipswich Poetry Feast Poetry Writing Competition is now open to aspiring poets of all ages. Applications close on Friday 1 August 2014. For more information, visit [http://www.ipswichpoetryfeast.com.au/entry.htm](http://www.ipswichpoetryfeast.com.au/entry.htm).

**Bond film competition**

Bond University’s annual film competition, BUFTA, is now open. The competition gives Year 11 and 12 students a chance to win a full tuition scholarship to study the B Film and Television at Bond University. Aspiring film and television students are invited to enter short films of up to 10 minutes in length in a variety of categories including animation, comedy, documentary, drama, experimental or music video. The competition closing date is 8 October 2014. For more information, visit the BUFTA website at [http://www.bufta.com.au/](http://www.bufta.com.au/).

**Crazy Smart Cats**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia has developed a high school student competition focused on changing the perceptions students have of accounting. The competition website is at [http://www.crazysmart.com.au/](http://www.crazysmart.com.au/). There are prizes for winners!

**Ipswich Film Festival for Youth 2014 (IFFY)**

The Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize

This competition, administered by the University of Southern Queensland, is open to established and emerging Australian poets. It closes on 31 July 2014. Visit http://www.usq.edu.au/bela/outreach-and-engagement/bruce-dawe-poetry-prize for more information.
Accessing course and application information from CQUniversity

- Student Contact Centre – telephone 13 27 86
- ASK CQUni at http://contactus.cqu.edu.au
- Course career information http://www.cqu.edu.au/study/what-can-i-study
- How to apply http://www.cqu.edu.au/apply
- Open days and information sessions – click on ‘CQUni Events’ on the home page at http://www.cqu.edu.au/
- Enabling programs (alternative pathways to tertiary entry) http://www.cqu.edu.au/study/special-programs/enabling-programs
- Scholarships http://www.cqu.edu.au/study/scholarships
- SUN (Start Uni Now) program (Year 11 and 12 students can experience uni by studying a uni subject) http://www.cqu.edu.au/study/who-am-i/school-leaver/start-uni-now-sun

Australian Catholic University (ACU) bonus points’ schemes

ACU has a number of bonus points’ schemes. Through these schemes eligible applicants are given bonus ranks (not OPs) when they apply through QTAC. ACU bonus points’ schemes include:

- **Subject bonus** – under this scheme, applicants can be given up to five bonus points depending on their results on Year 12 subjects relevant to the course they are applying for. These bonus points are allocated automatically when applying through QTAC.
- **ACU Access** – under the Schools Relationships Bonus, Campus Bonus and Regional Schools Bonus applicants may receive up to five bonus points automatically through QTAC depending on their geographic location or school relationship with ACU.
- **Education Access Scheme** – this is a QTAC scheme, which allocates bonus ranks based on educational disadvantage. Applicants apply for this scheme as part of their QTAC application.
- **Elite Athlete Bonus** – under this scheme applicants who have demonstrated an elite level of sporting achievement can receive up to five bonus points. Applicants apply directly to ACU for this scheme. Find out how at http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/elite_athlete_program.

Further information about these schemes can be found at http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/accessacu. See
http://www.qtac.edu.au/Applying-CurrentYr12/2013_Year_12_Results_Conversion_Tables.html for a comparison of OPs and ranks.

Courses for the media and entertainment industry

JMC Academy is a private college that offers diplomas, associate degrees and degrees in:

- Audio engineering and sound production
- Film and television production
- 3D animation
- Contemporary music and performance
- Game Design
- Entertainment business management.

JMC Academy will hold an open day on Saturday 31 May 2014. Bookings are essential if you want to attend this event. Go to http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/News/2014-01-31/REGISTER-FOR-OUR-NEXT-OPEN-DAY-2-14.cfm to register.

Creative career and study pathways at QUT’s Art Museum

The Queensland University of Technology’s (QUT) Art Museum conducts several education programs for secondary students. In the next few months it will run a series of panels for students interested in a career in the areas of visual art, design and fashion. The panels are made up of QUT graduates and lecturers who are available to answer any questions. The panels will be held on:

- 14 May 2014 – ‘Pathways Design’, commencing at 6 pm at Old Government House, Gardens Point campus
- 16 July 2014 – ‘Pathways Art’, commencing at 6 pm at the QUT Art Museum, Gardens Point campus
- 6 August 2014 – ‘Pathways Fashion’, commencing at 6 pm at The Glasshouse, Kelvin Grove campus.


IT event for Year 10 girls

The Queensland University of Technology’s ‘Go for I.T. gURL’ is a two-day program which provides Year 10 girls with an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the study of information technology. It will be held on 3 – 4 June 2014. Interested students apply through their school. Go to https://www.qut.edu.au/science-engineering/about/events/events?news-id=69895 for more information. You can talk to your IT teacher and/or guidance officer/counsellor about attending this event.
Meet the University of Melbourne in Brisbane

Staff from the University of Melbourne will visit Brisbane for the following events:

- The Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) 19 –20 July 2014 at the Brisbane Showgrounds
- International student consultations 22 July 2014.


News from the University of Queensland (UQ)

Big Day In

UQ will host this event on Thursday 12 June 2014. It is a tech careers conference with a difference. It is organised, run and hosted by students for students. There is a fee for the event. Find out more at http://www.acsfoundation.com.au/bdi/index.cfm.

Experience Science 2014 program registrations now open

This program is for students in Years 10 – 12. It provides an opportunity to find out what it is like to study science at UQ. The program will be held on 17, 18, 21, 22 and 23 July at UQ’s St Lucia campus and on 24 July at the Gatton Campus. You can read more about the program at http://www.science.uq.edu.au/expsci. Group and individual registrations are available.

UQ Geography Day

This event will help you understand the relevance of studying geography, planning and environmental management and introduce you to the careers available in these areas. It is for Year 10 - 12 students and will be held on 25 July 2014. See http://www.gpem.uq.edu.au/geography-day for more information.

Ultimate Guide to Health Jobs

This is one of the resources on the UQ Health website. Other resources include ‘6 steps to getting subject selection right’ and ‘School vs uni’. These resources can be accessed from http://health.uq.edu.au/undergraduate.

Preparation workshops for SAT – US university entry test
Integrity Tutoring specialises in preparation workshops for students interested in sitting for the tests required for entry to university courses in the United States. Find out more at [http://www.integritytutoring.com/](http://www.integritytutoring.com/).

**Selected upcoming career/course events in May 2014**


21 - Queensland University of Technology Caboolture Campus Parent Information Seminar [http://www.qut.edu.au/study/events](http://www.qut.edu.au/study/events)

21 - Griffith University Medicine Information Evening at Gold Coast campus [http://www.griffith.edu.au/events/information-evenings](http://www.griffith.edu.au/events/information-evenings)


28 - Fraser Coast Jobs and Careers Expo at the Wide Bay Institute of TAFE, Hervey Bay campus


31 - JMC Academy, Brisbane Campus Open Day [http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/](http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/)
Short courses at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

QUT Creative Industries offers short courses throughout the year. The courses are usually held in the evening or on weekends. The following courses will be commencing in June 2014.

- Beginning acting
- Fashion illustration for beginners
- Introduction to social media
- Stepping off a cliff: starting your first novel

For more information, visit [https://www.qut.edu.au/creative-industries/courses-and-study](https://www.qut.edu.au/creative-industries/courses-and-study) and click on ‘Professional development courses’.

Snippets from the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

**Head Start Information Evening**

Fraser Coast Campus will be the venue for this event to be held on 14 May 2014. See [http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/05/head-start-information-evening](http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/05/head-start-information-evening) for details.

**USQ Experience Day at Toowoomba campus**

This event provides Year 11 and 12 students with an opportunity to find out about university and to get some tips for the final year of school. It will be held on 15 May 2014. See your guidance officer/counsellor about attending this event. More information can be accessed at [http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/05/usq-student-experience-day](http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/05/usq-student-experience-day).

**USQ Information Evening at Springfield campus**

This event will be held from 5.30 – 7.30 pm on 21 May 2014. Find out more at [http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/05/springfield-information-evening](http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/05/springfield-information-evening).

**Brisbane Information Day**

USQ will hold an information day in the Queen Street Mall from 10 am to 3 pm on 27 May 2014. This is an opportunity to ask questions and find out more about courses and entry requirements at USQ.

**Sciences Student Experiences Day**
This event is designed to encourage students in Years 11 and 12 to study science. It will be held on 29 May 2014 at the Toowoomba campus. See [http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/05/sciences-student-experience-day](http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/05/sciences-student-experience-day) for details. Contact your guidance officer/counsellor for more information.

**Nursing and Midwifery Student Experiences Day**

Interested in nursing? This day is for you. It will be held on 29 May 2014 at the Toowoomba campus. See [http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/05/nursing-midwifery-student-experience-day](http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/05/nursing-midwifery-student-experience-day) for details and contact your guidance officer/counsellor if you wish to attend.

**Psychology and Counselling Student Experiences Day**

This event is for Year 11 and 12 students interested in these fields of study. It will be held on 29 May 2014 at the Toowoomba campus. See [http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/05/psychology-counselling-student-experience-day](http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/05/psychology-counselling-student-experience-day) for more information. Contact your guidance officer/counsellor if you wish to attend this event.

**Life at USQ**

Follow student blogs at [http://usqedu.wordpress.com/](http://usqedu.wordpress.com/) to learn about life as a student at USQ.

**TAFE round up**

**Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE**

This institute will hold an information session on 18 June 2014 from 4.30 – 6.30 pm. Its open day is on 17 August 2014 at the Townsville Trade Training Centre.

**Gold Coast Institute of TAFE**


**Southbank Institute of Technology**

SBIT offers a number of courses in science and dental services. These include studies in Anaesthesia, Pathology, Sterilisation, Dental Technology, Dental Assisting and Dental Prosthetics. For information about these courses, click on ‘Science and Dental Services’ on the SBIT home page at [http://www.southbank.edu.au/](http://www.southbank.edu.au/).

**Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE**

**Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE**

The next information session will be held on 18 June 2014 from 4.30 pm. The institute will hold its open day on 3 August 2014. For information about courses offered at this institute, visit [http://tnqit.tafe.qld.gov.au/](http://tnqit.tafe.qld.gov.au/).

**The Engineering Link Projects (ELP)**

The ELP is a two or three-day immersion program, which provides students in Years 11 and 12 with an opportunity to check out engineering before making final decisions about their future study pathway. During the program students use their knowledge of science and maths to solve engineering problems. In mid-2014 the following ELPs will be offered.

- 1 – 3 July Central Queensland ELP at CQ University, Rockhampton
- 9 – 11 July South Queensland ELP at the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
- 17 – 18 July Far North Queensland ELP at James Cook University, Cairns
- 21 – 23 July North Queensland ELP at James Cook University, Townsville


**The QIBT pathway to Griffith University**

The Queensland Institute of Business and Technology (QIBT) offers full-fee diploma and associate degree courses that provide an alternative pathway into Griffith University undergraduate degrees. QIBT diploma courses are equivalent to the first year of a Griffith bachelor degree. QIBT has campuses in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast. Fields of study include:

- Commerce
- Biosciences
- Criminology and criminal justice
- Engineering
- Graphic design
- Hotel management
- Information technology
- Health sciences
- Health care
- Media and communication.

QIBT students can access financial assistance through FEE-HELP. Find out more about QIBT and its courses at [http://www.qibt.qld.edu.au/](http://www.qibt.qld.edu.au/).
Updates from Griffith University

Pathways to Medicine information evenings

Find out about how to gain entry to the Griffith medical course at these evenings to be held on 20 May 2014 at the South Bank campus and on 21 May 2014 at the Gold Coast campus. For details and registration go to http://www.griffith.edu.au/events/information-evenings.

New B International Tourism and Hotel Management in 2015

This course will prepare students for employment in the hotel and tourism industry. During the course students will be given opportunities to participate in study tours and internships. Find out more at https://www148.griffith.edu.au/degree-career-finder/Program/OverviewAndFees?ProgramCode=1409.

Popular Music Experience Days

This program will be offered on 16, 17, 23 and 24 July 2014 at Griffith’s Gold Coast campus. Students can explore the B Popular Music degree program and participate in activities and talks with current students. Visit http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/popular-music/high-school-and-community-programs/school-experience-day for details.

Musical theatre audition workshop

This workshop will be of interest to students in Years 11 and 12 who want to develop their audition skills for entry to Griffith’s Queensland Conservatorium Musical Theatre program. The workshop will be held from Monday 7 to Friday 11 July 2014. Visit http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/musical-theatre/high-school-and-community-programs for more information and to register.

Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies (GUESTS)

Students wishing to study a subject in Semester two through the GUEST program are required to apply by 30 May 2014. Visit http://www.griffith.edu.au/pathways/guests-program for details.

B Industrial Design

This is a new course in 2014 offered at the Gold Coast campus. It brings engineering and design together. Students in the program will develop advanced 3D computer modelling skills and use advanced technologies (e.g. 3D printing). See https://www148.griffith.edu.au/degree-career-finder/Program/OverviewAndFees?ProgramCode=1407 for more information.
Meeting English prerequisites for Year 12s with a completed diploma

In the past, Year 12 students could use the completion of a diploma to meet the Authority English prerequisite for Griffith courses. From 2015, Year 12 students who complete a diploma at school will still have to obtain Sound Achievement or better in Authority English to meet this prerequisite.

Cap on bonus ranks for entry to Griffith

Students can obtain bonus ranks through a number of schemes when applying for courses at Griffith, e.g. Year 12 Bonus Admission Scheme, Regional preference schemes, QTAC’s Educational Access Scheme. From 2015 a cap of 10 bonus ranks will be applied.

Tertiary preparation workshop for music students

This workshop is designed to prepare students for the theoretical and practical aspects of the music audition process. The workshop is from 30 June – 4 July 2014. For more information and to apply, go to http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/open-conservatorium/tertiary-preparation-workshop.

Want to study engineering but don’t have the prerequisites?

Griffith University offers a pathway into its engineering courses through the Aptitude for Engineering Assessment (AEA) examination. Registrations to sit the exam will open in mid-May and close in early September 2014. The exam will be held on 30 September 2014 in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast. Exam dates differ for other test centres. Visit http://www.griffith.edu.au/engineering-information-technology/griffith-school-engineering/future-students/aptitude-engineering-assessment to find out more.
2015 Scholarships at the International College of Hotel Management (ICHM)

ICHM, located in South Australia, is the only Swiss Hotel Association institution outside of Europe. It offers a dual B Business and B Hotel Management course. During the course, students have an opportunity to learn a language and to experience an industry placement in Australia or overseas. ICHM will offer three scholarships worth $20,000 each for entry in 2015. The application closing date is 10 October 2014. Visit http://www.ichm.edu.au/admissions/scholarships for more information and to download the application brochure.

Westpac Bicentennial Foundation scholarships

Westpac recently announced the creation of its Bicentennial Foundation fund, which will provide $100 million for scholarships and awards for Australian university students, graduates and post-doctoral researchers. While these scholarships are not currently available for Year 12 students, they could be goals for students to aspire to in the future. Read more at https://info.westpac.com.au/200years/scholarships-land.html.
Selected gap year program information sessions for May 2014

‘So you want to be a….’ books – lawyer, teacher, vet, doctor

This series of books has been written specifically for young people who are considering a career in law, education, veterinary science or medicine. Each book covers information on studying and working in the career area. The books can be purchased from the ACER on-line bookshop. See https://shop.acer.edu.au/acer-shop/group/SYWTBA/X for more information.

National Law Week

The 2014 Law Week will be held 12 – 18 May. The aim of Law Week is to promote and develop awareness of the law, the legal system and the legal profession. Visit http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/events-seminars-and-training/law-week to find out about Law Week activities throughout Queensland. A special Law Week event will be held in the Queen Street Mall on 16 May 2014.

National Student Volunteer Week

National Student Volunteer Week will be held from 4 – 10 August 2014. Its purpose is to promote student volunteering. Kick start you involvement in this week by visiting the Queensland site at http://www.volunteeringqld.org.au/web/index.php/policy-research/menu/university-student-engagement/983-national-student-volunteer-week. Why should you be involved? Because, in addition to contributing to the community and making you feel good, volunteering can be an ideal way to:

- gain some employment experience
- add interest to your resume
- explore a future career you are considering
- establish employer contacts (build your network).
Careers in Music


Careers in Water

The H2Oz Careers in Water project aims to increase awareness of jobs in the water sector and encourage young people to consider the career opportunities in this industry. The H2Oz website at http://www.h2oz.org.au/default.aspx includes career resources for students and parents including factsheets and information on starting a career in water.

Do you aspire to be a writer?

The Queensland Writers Centre (QWC) is an organisation that supports Australian writers through a range of activities including seminars and discussion groups. QWC has a Youth Program for budding young writers between the age of 10 and 19 years. Visit http://www.qwc.asn.au (click on ‘Courses’ to find the Youth Program) for more information.

Science, technology, engineering and maths magazine

The Office of the Chief Scientist for Australia has published a new magazine, which focuses on the achievements of people involved in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The magazine is packed with case studies, links to relevant websites and a list of national and international competitions. The magazine can be downloaded at http://australiasfuture1.files.wordpress.com/2014/03/australias-future-science-technology-engineering-mathematics.pdf.

What is being a carpenter like?

The speaker for the next myfuture live Q & A webinar is a carpenter. He will talk about how he chose carpentry, his training and his current work projects. You can join the conversation during the presentation by typing questions to the speaker. This session will be held on 20 May 2014. Find out more on the myfuture website at http://www.myfuture.edu.au (click on ‘Explore careers’ and ‘Talk with real people about their career’).
Workforce data for allied health careers

Health Workforce Australia recently released workforce data for psychology, podiatry, physiotherapy, pharmacy, optometry and dietetics. This is interesting information for students wanting to explore these career areas. Summaries of the data are in the latest My Health Career newsletter, which can be accessed at https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/latest-news (scroll down to find the summaries).
Regional Careers Expos

These events are excellent for gathering information about careers and courses. The regional expos in May 2014 are:

- 28 May - Fraser Coast Jobs and Careers Expo at the Wide Bay Institute of TAFE, Hervey Bay campus

The National Careers and Employment Expo in Brisbane

The Brisbane National Careers and Employment Expo is Queensland's largest careers, skills, employment and education event. It will be held on Friday 23 and Saturday 24 May 2014 at the Brisbane Convention Exhibition Centre. Attractions at the expo include:

- Employers from a large range of industries
- Universities, TAFE institutes and private colleges
- Seminars presented by education providers, employers and industry bodies.


Townsville FOGS Indigenous Employment and Careers Expo

FOGS expos provide Indigenous job seekers and school leavers with an opportunity to meet employers, education and training providers and a host of former State of Origin heroes, in one place for one day. The Townsville FOGS expo will be held on Tuesday 20 May 2014 at the Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre. For more information, go to [http://www.fogs.com.au/about/expos](http://www.fogs.com.au/about/expos).
A reminder for Year 12 students about Tax File Numbers

Prospective university students are encouraged to apply early for a Tax File Number (TFN). Students who gain entry to a university course must have a TFN to be able to defer their fee payment through HECS-HELP (to pay later through the tax system). The easiest way for you to get a TFN is through your school. Talk to your guidance officer/counsellor about obtaining a TFN application form. More about TFN can be found at https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/Applying-for-a-TFN/.

Online resources for Year 12 parents

Transitioning from high school to university can be a challenging journey for students and their parents. Several universities provide resources for parents to support them and their children through the transition. Some examples are:

- Australian Catholic University - ‘Parents’ information’ http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/future_students/parents_information
- Griffith University - ‘Parents’ http://www.griffith.edu.au/future-students/parents
- Queensland University of Technology - ‘Are you the parent of a school student’ http://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/are-you-the-parent-of-a-school-student
- University of Southern Queensland - ‘Information for families and friends’ http://www.usq.edu.au/future-students/families
- University of the Sunshine Coast - ‘Information for parents and partners’ http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/information-for-parents-and-partners/

Registration deadlines for UMAT

To meet the prerequisites for some medical/health science undergraduate courses applicants are required to sit for the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences
Admissions Test (UMAT). The 2014 UMAT information booklet can be downloaded from the UMAT website at http://umatweb.acer.edu.au. The timeline for UMAT in 2014 is:

- Friday 7 June – the on time registration due date
- Friday 20 June – the late registration due date (a late fee applies)
- Wednesday 30 July – UMAT test date
- Late September – results released.

**Schemes for medical students**

The following schemes are Commonwealth Government initiatives to address doctor shortages in specific areas in Australia.

**Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship Scheme** – This scholarship provides 100 additional Commonwealth Supported Places each year for first year medical students. It is valued at $25,000 a year. Upon completion of their studies, students are required to work for six years in a rural or remote area. An information booklet can be downloaded at http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/work-st-mrb.

**Bonded Medical Places Scheme** – There is no scholarship associated with this scheme. However, it does provide funding for additional Commonwealth supported medical school places each year (25% of places come under this scheme). Recipients are required to work in medical skill shortage areas for a period equal to the length of their medical course. An information booklet can be downloaded at http://www.health.gov.au/bmpschemes.

**Should I do a dual degree at university?**

A dual or double degree enables you to study two degrees at the same time. This is becoming an increasingly popular option with approximately 10% of students in Australian universities opting to study a dual degree. The following are some of the advantages of a dual program.

Dual degrees:

- can be completed in a shorter time than it would take to complete them one after the other e.g. most dual B Engineering/B Science degrees take five years to complete instead of seven years if these degrees are completed separately.
- provide you with a broader range of skills.
- may give you a competitive edge in the job market as you have more to offer an employer. It could also indicate to an employer that you are committed and have a strong work ethic.
- give you an opportunity to try two study areas. This is especially useful when you are uncertain about the career you most wish to pursue.
The disadvantages of a dual degree are that they cost more and take longer to complete. Students undertaking a dual degree need to have good time management skills and the ability to switch between different modes of study.

Whether you decide to undertake a single or a dual degree, it is important to research your choice thoroughly to ensure you understand what you will be studying. Also, it is important to have a good knowledge of the employment outcomes of your studies.

Expert tips on how to excel in Years 11 and 12


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

The following tips are from the University of the Sunshine Coast’s website.

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.
Youth Enrichment Activities

Calling enthusiastic young Queenslanders leading the way!


Each ambassador will receive a $1000 bursary for personal or professional development. Young people can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else. Nominations close on 2 June 2014. Visit the Queensland Youth Strategy Ambassadors webpage at http://www.qld.gov.au/youth/be-involved-have-your-say/qld-youth-strategy-ambassadors/index.html for more information.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) – applications close on 31 May 2014

The NYSF will be held in January 2015, with sessions in Canberra and Perth. It is for Year 11 students who are passionate about science. Expressions of interest to Rotary clubs close on Saturday 31 May 2014. See http://www.nysf.edu.au/ for information about the program and the application process.

New York Jazz Symposium at Trinity

Students aged 14 – 17 years who want to learn from some of the world’s greatest jazz musicians are invited to join the New York Jazz Symposium at Trinity, University of Melbourne from 29 June – 5 July 2014. Find out more at http://www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/learning/trinity-institute/new-york-jazz-symposium.html. Applications close on Friday 23 May 2014.

Youth Disability Advocacy Service

The Youth Disability Advocacy Service (see http://ydas.org.au/) is a network of young people with disabilities who advocate for and promote the rights of young people with disabilities. The website has news and events and links to relevant websites.
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