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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 in the workplace. The myfuture website has a section on work rights and responsibilities. Go to http://www.myfuture.edu.au/getting-started/what-can-i-expect-in-my-new-job and scroll down to ‘Your rights and responsibilities’. This section introduces you to relevant resources on the Fair Work Ombudsman website. The ACTU Worksite at http://worksite.actu.org.au/ is also useful for young people starting their first job.

Resources to help students with a disability find work

Job Access - This is a free information and advice service supporting the employment of people with a disability. Visit http://www.jobaccess.gov.au/ (click on ‘Employees & Job Seekers’) to access the information.


Youth Disability Advocacy Service – This service is a network of young people with disabilities who advocate for and promote the rights of young people with disabilities. The website at http://ydas.org.au/ has news and events and links to relevant websites. While this is a Victorian initiative, it could be of interest to Queensland students with a disability.
Pre-enlistment fitness for the Australian Defence Force (ADF)

Many highly regarded applicants miss out on their ADF career opportunity because they don’t 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/.

There’s flying, and then there’s FLYING!

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) website at http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/airforce/technology/flying/ has information about being a pilot in the Air Force. You can find out:

- What inspires Air Force pilots
- How civilian pilot careers compare with the Air Force
- The thrill of flying
- How to apply.
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?
Bond film competition

Bond University’s annual film competition, BUFTA, has opened for 2015. 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 and music video. The competition closing date is 7 October 2015. For more information, visit the BUFTA website at http://www.bufta.com.au/.

International Poetry Competition


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 29 May 2015. Visit http://www.usq.edu.au/bela/school-of-arts-and-communication/bruce-dawe-poetry-prize for more information.
Accredited Psychology courses in Australia

To be eligible for registration as a psychologist in Australia, you must complete courses which are accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and approved by the Psychology Board of Australia. You can access a list of accredited courses on the APAC website at https://www.psychologycouncil.org.au/ (click on ‘Search for courses in Australasia’ on the left hand menu).

Australian Catholic University (ACU) bonus points’ schemes

ACU has a number of bonus points’ schemes. Through these schemes eligible applicants are given bonus points 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 in 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.

Further information about these schemes can be found at https://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/accessacu.

Elite Athlete Entry 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 Program  
  http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/elite_athlete_program
• Queensland University of Technology’s Elite Athlete Entry Program  
  https://www.qut.edu.au/special-entry
• Griffith University’s Griffith Sports College  
  http://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-sports-college
• Southern Cross University’s Elite Athletes and Performers Scheme  
• 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

Events at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

Head Start Information Evening at the Fraser Coast Campus – Head Start is a program that provides senior students with an opportunity to experience university study while still at school. The information evening will be held on 19 May 2015. See https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/event-search for more information.

Head Start Information Evening in Maryborough – This event will be held from 6 – 7.30 pm on Wednesday 20 May 2015. Visit https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/event-search for details.

Study Options Evening at the Ipswich Campus – Explore the campus and study options available at this evening to be held from 5 – 7 pm on Thursday 21 May 2015. Find out more at https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/event-search.

Life at USQ - Follow student blogs at https://usqedu.wordpress.com/ to learn about life as a student at USQ.

Experience QUT for international high school students

Year 12 international students interested in studying at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) are invited to attend this event from 10 am – 2.30 pm on 18 June 2015 at the Gardens Point campus. During the day you will experience interactive workshops, mock lectures, and tour the Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses. Visit https://www.qut.edu.au/international/news/news?news-id=87575 for more information and to register to win an iPad Air 2.

News and reminders 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 19 May 2015 at the South Bank campus and on 20 May 2015 at the Gold Coast campus. For details and registration go to http://www.griffith.edu.au/events/information-evenings.
Application for Audition forms for music courses at the Queensland Conservatorium – These forms must be lodged with the Conservatorium by 17 August 2015, in addition to lodging an application with QTAC by 30 September 2015. Visit http://www.griffith.edu.au/ (click on ‘Future Students’/’Degree finder’/’Music’/the course you are applying for).

Popular Music Experience Day - This program will be offered on 15, 16, 22 and 23 July 2015 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 and to view a video about the experience day. Interested students should contact their music teacher or guidance officer/counsellor about attending the event.

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 6 - 10 July 2015. Visit http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/musical-theatre/high-school-and-community-programs for more information and to register.

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 29 June – 3 July 2015. For more information and to apply, go to http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/open-conservatorium/tertiary-preparation-workshop.

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 2015. Visit http://www.griffith.edu.au/pathways/guests-program for details.

Meeting the Authority English prerequisite 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 a minimum of Sound Achievement 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 Subject Bonus Scheme, Regional preference schemes, QTAC’s Educational Access Scheme, the GUESTS program. However a cap of 10 bonus ranks is applied.

Notes from the University of Melbourne (UMelb)

UMelb in Brisbane in July - Staff from the University of Melbourne will be attending the Tertiary Studies Expo in Brisbane (18 and 19 July 2015) to answer your questions. See http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/interstate for details.
Using social media for information about studying at UMelb – The following social media options are useful for Queensland students interested in finding out more about studying and living at UMelb:

- Social Media Community http://socialmedia.unimelb.edu.au/
- Adventures (independent blog run for students, by students) https://unimelbadventures.wordpress.com/
- Facebook https://www.facebook.com/AcademicSkillsUnimelb?fref=ts
- Counselling Services http://services.unimelb.edu.au/counsel/resources/resources/wellbeing.

My Melbourne newsletter – This newsletter provides useful information for students considering studying at UMelb. Visit the Future Students website at http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/ (click on ‘Contact us’) to subscribe to the newsletter.

Pathways to Art and Fashion at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

QUT Precincts will host free panel discussions for students in Years 10 – 12 who are interested in a career in visual art and/or fashion. The panels are made up of QUT graduates and lecturers who are available to answer questions. In 2015 the program will be taken on tour. Sessions will be held in the following locations:

- Pathways to Art - Redcliffe City Art Gallery, Tuesday 21 July, 6 pm
- Pathways to Art - Caboolture Regional Gallery, Wednesday 22 July, 6 pm
- Pathways to Art - Pine Rivers Regional Gallery, Thursday 23 July, 6 pm
- Pathways to Art - QUT Kelvin Grove Campus, Wednesday 5 August, 6 pm
- Pathways to Fashion - The Shed 2 (Z5-101), QUT Creative Industries Precinct, Kelvin Grove, Wednesday 19 August, 6 pm.


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/.

Railway Engineering Workshop in China

The Engineering Link Group invites expressions of interest from students who have, or intend to, attend one of its Engineering Link Projects to participate in an engineering immersion experience in China at the end of 2015. The immersion includes a five-day workshop where you’ll work in small groups to plan a new rail link between two existing lines. You will have lots of help from experienced engineers to prepare a

Selected upcoming career/course events in May 2015

The following events are mentioned in this newsletter or have been included in previous newsletters.

6 - Queensland University of Technology Parent Information Seminar at the Gardens Point campus https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events

6 - Australian Institute of Applied Sciences (AIAS) Information Evening at the Brisbane campus http://www.aias.edu.au/about/upcoming-events


8 - University of Southern Queensland, Springfield campus Year 11 Legal Studies Conference https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/event-search

8 - University of Southern Queensland, Fraser Coast campus Student Experience Day https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/event-search


14 - START QUT Semester 2 applications close https://www.qut.edu.au/study/high-school-programs/start-qut

14 - University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba campus Student Experience Day https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/event-search

14 - CQUniversity Mid-Year Information Sessions (various locations and online) https://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar/event-items/graduation/cquni-information-session
14 - Bond University Actuarial Science Experience Day
http://bond.edu.au/event/46370/actuarial-science-experience-day

14 - Bond University Hotel and Tourism Management Experience Day

14 - Bond University International Relations Experience Day
http://bond.edu.au/event/46340/international-relations-experience-day

15 - Bond University Health & Sport Sciences Experience Day

16 - Bond University Biomedical Science & Medicine Experience Day
http://bond.edu.au/event/46288/biomedical-science-medicine-experience-day

18 - Meet the Business Leader

19 - University of Southern Queensland, Fraser Coast campus Head Start Information Evening
https://www.usq.edu.au/news/events/event-search

19 - Experience Griffith 2015 at South Bank campus
http://www.griffith.edu.au/guidance-officers-teachers/events/experience-days

20 - Queensland University of Technology Parent Information Seminar at the Caboolture campus
https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events

20 - University of Southern Queensland Head Start Information Evening in Maryborough
https://www.usq.edu.au/news/events/event-search

20 - Experience Griffith 2015 at Logan campus
http://www.griffith.edu.au/guidance-officers-teachers/events/experience-days

20 - Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in STEM Education nominations close

21 - Bond University Communications, Film and Digital Media Experience Day

21 - Experience Griffith 2015 at Nathan campus
http://www.griffith.edu.au/guidance-officers-teachers/events/experience-days

21 - Cairns Careers and Employment Expo

21 - Study Options Evening at the Ipswich Campus
https://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/event-search


27 - University of the Sunshine Coast, Gympie campus Information Evening [http://www.usc.edu.au/connect/schools-and-parents]


29 - University of the Sunshine Coast’s Headstart Program Semester 2 applications close [http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/courses-and-programs/headstart-program-year-11-and-12-students]


30 - Griffith University GUEST Semester 2 2015 applications close [http://www.griffith.edu.au/pathways/guests-program]


31 - National Youth Science Forum expressions of interest close [http://www.nysf.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 may be of interest to Year 11 and 12 students. These courses commence in June 2015.

- Learn basic photography skills
- Beginning acting
- Fashion illustration for beginners
- Public speaking: making meaningful messages

For more information, visit [https://www.qut.edu.au/creative-industries/courses-and-study/professional-development-courses].
Study in Canada Night

The High Commission of Canada (Canberra) invites interested students, parents, teachers and career counsellors to a ‘Study in Canada’ information session. This event will be held from 3.30 – 5.30 pm on Thursday 4 June 2015 at the Theatrette, St Peters Lutheran College, 66 Harts Road, Indooroopilly. Please register for the presentation by 21 May 2015 at https://eventbrite.com/event/16670540034/. You can read about some of the highlights of studying in Canada at https://international.gc.ca/ (click on ‘English’ and scroll down to ‘Study in Canada’). For more information about the information session, email studyincanada@international.gc.ca.

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/.

University experience at CQUnergy

Year 12 students are invited to this free, one day, on-campus event. It will be held on Friday 22 May 2015 at CQUnergy Bundaberg, CQUnergy Mackay Ooralea, and CQUnergy Rockhampton North. At the event, students can explore the campuses and their options for 2016. Registration forms can be downloaded at https://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar (click on ‘University experience’).

University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) events

USC Gympie Information Evening – This event will be held from 5 – 6.30 pm on 27 May 2015 at the USC Gympie campus. More information can be accessed at http://www.usc.edu.au/connect/schools-and-parents.

Parent Information Evening – This event will be held on Thursday 2 July 2015 at the Sippy Downs campus. Register your attendance at http://www.usc.edu.au/connect/schools-and-parents.

Updates from the University of Queensland (UQ)

‘Taste of …’ at UQ’s School of Languages and Cultures – This program for students in Years 11 and 12 provides an insight into studying a language at university. In May there will be ‘Taste of’ events for Chinese, German and Japanese languages. View more information at http://languages-cultures.uq.edu.au/ (click on ‘Taste of…’ in the Events section). Talk to your language teacher about attending these events.

Inspire U Health Sciences Camp for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students - This free five-day residential camp to be held 28 June – 3 July 2015 is an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 11 and 12 to experience life on campus at UQ and find out more about health sciences. Applications are now open and will close on 5 June 2015. Visit http://www.atsis.uq.edu.au/inspireu-health for details.

2015 Young ICT Explorers: Register now - Young ICT Explorers is a free school technology challenge for Year 3 – 12 students. It’s an opportunity for students to create and showcase innovative information and communications technology related projects. Find out more at http://www.youngictexplorers.net.au/. The registration deadline is 26 June 2015.

Interaction Design Exhibit – This exhibition will be held on Wednesday 3 June 2015 at The Edge, State Library of Queensland, Brisbane. It will give you the opportunity to meet the new generation of interaction designers and discover the latest computing projects from UQ’s Multimedia and Interaction Design students. School groups and the public are invited to attend. Read about it at http://www.itee.uq.edu.au/interaction-design.

Pharmacy Experience Day – This event will be held on Sunday 23 August 2015 at UQ’s Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence (PACE) at Woolloongabba. On the day you will experience a day in the life of a UQ Pharmacy student, participate in hands-on activities, explore the centre and meet staff and current students. Find out more and register to attend at http://www.uq.edu.au/pharmacy/begin-your-career.

Ultimate Guide to Health Jobs - This is one of the resources on the UQ Health website. Other resources include ‘2016 Health Study Guide’, ‘Subject Selection: 6 steps to getting subject selection right’ and ‘School vs uni’. These resources can be accessed from http://health.uq.edu.au/undergraduate.
2016 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 2016. The application closing date is 10 October 2015. Visit http://www.ichm.edu.au/admissions/scholarships for more information and to download the application brochure.
Latest news from Letz Live

The following are items from the latest Letz Live newsletter. You can subscribe to this newsletter on the website at http://www.letzlive.org/.

- New Zealand has been added to the Gap Year destination options. Find out more at http://www.letzlive.org/#!new-zealand/c1u90
- Did you miss the deadline for the UK Gap Year program 2016? Letz Live has another program in the UK you might be interested in. Visit http://www.letzlive.org/#!luk-pub-jobs/c1hry for details.

New World Education Program Australia (WEP) website

WEP recently launched its new user-friendly website at http://wep.org.au/ for students and their families. To celebrate the launch, WEP is giving away up to 1000 upside down world maps to interested students. All you have to do is visit the website and answer five questions.

Selected gap year program information sessions for May 2015

- 6 - World Education Program Australia (WEP) Information Evening at Miami, Gold Coast http://wep.org.au/info/information-evenings
- 6 - Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Information Session in Brisbane http://studentexchange.org.au/info-sessions/in-person-city-sessions/#Brisbane
- 7 - Lattitude Global Volunteering information night in Brisbane http://www.lattitude.org.au/
• 18 - Lattitude Global Volunteering Online Information Session - Volunteering in the Pacific & Africa (Fiji, Vanuatu, Malawi)

• 20 - Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Information Session at Golden Beach, Sunshine Coast

• 23 - World Education Program Australia (WEP) Information Evening in Cairns
  http://wep.org.au/info/information-evenings

• 26 - Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Information Session in Brisbane
Give Happy, Live Happy – National Volunteer Week 2015


National Law Week

The 2015 National Law Week will be held 11 – 15 May. The aim of Law Week is to promote public understanding of the law and its role in society. Visit the Queensland Law Week website at [http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/events-seminars-and-training/law-week](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/events-seminars-and-training/law-week) for activities throughout Queensland. The main Brisbane Law Week event will be held on Friday 15 May in the Queen Street Mall from 11 am – 2 pm. Activities will include mock trials, drug dog demonstrations, informative law and justice presentations and demonstrations, interactive displays and much more.

National Student Volunteer Week

National Student Volunteer Week will be held from 3 – 9 August 2015. Its purpose is to promote student volunteering. Kick start your 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](http://www.volunteeringqld.org.au/web/index.php/policy-research/menu/university-student-engagement/983-national-student-volunteer-week). Why should you be involved in volunteering? 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](http://www.h2oz.org.au/default.aspx) (click on ‘Water Career’s’ and ‘Job Categories’) provides descriptions of jobs in the water industry.

Jobs in the community services and health industry

The community services and health industry provides many different job opportunities for young people. Many of the skills required of one job role are transferrable to other areas, which makes this industry ideal for people who would like a variety of career pathways. An appreciation of working with people is a key requirement of working in community services and health because much of the work involves interaction with clients who are some of the most vulnerable in society.

How to make the best use of a career expo

To make the most of your visits to career expos, you need to have a plan. Career expos can be a total waste of time without one. The following are resources that may help you organise your information gathering at the expo.


**JMC Academy Brisbane campus Open Day**

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

- Animation
- Audio Engineering and Sound Production
- Contemporary Music and Performance
- Digital Design
- Entertainment Business Management
- Film and Television Production
- Game Development
- Song writing

JMC will hold an open day on Saturday 30 May 2015 at its Brisbane campus located at 75 Grey Street, South Brisbane. Bookings are essential if you want to attend this event. Go to [http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/open-days/register-for-our-next-open-day-2015.aspx](http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/open-days/register-for-our-next-open-day-2015.aspx) to register.

**Regional Careers Expos**

These events are excellent for gathering information about careers, courses and local employment opportunities. The regional expos in May 2015 include:

• 26 - Bundaberg Careers Expo http://digitalcareers.edu.au/event/bundaberg-careers-expo/

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 29 and Saturday 30 May 2015 at the Brisbane Convention Exhibition Centre. Attractions at the expo include:

• Employers from a large range of industries
• Universities, TAFE institutes and private colleges
• An opportunity to try your hand at over 20 trades.

For more information, visit http://careersemploymentexpo.com.au/. You can download a floor plan of the expo which has the list of exhibitors. Register on the website to receive fast-track entry to the expo.

Westpac Bicentennial Foundation scholarships

Westpac’s Bicentennial Foundation fund provides $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.
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’
  [https://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/future_students/parents_information](https://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/future_students/parents_information)
- Queensland University of Technology - ‘Are you the parent of a school student’
- The University of Queensland – ‘Information for parents of future UQ students’
- University of the Sunshine Coast - ‘Schools and Parents’

Year 12 post school folder

Year 12 students are strongly advised to start a folder of information they will need later in the year and early next year. Keep this folder in your room at home and add to it during the year. Items that could be placed in this folder include:

- LUI and password for your Learning Account so you can access your Year 12 results early. You will also be required to know your LUI to complete your QTAC application.
- Tax File Number (TFN), which you will need to apply for a HELP loan next year. You also need a TFN if you want to be paid for a full-time or part-time job.
- The QTAC Guide, which you will receive in June
- Course, job and tertiary entry information you gather at career markets/expos, institution open days, TSXPO, etc.
- The list of courses you are considering (if you haven’t a clue, make an appointment to see your guidance counsellor/officer ASAP)
- Handouts on tertiary entry you are given at Year 12 assemblies, expos and lunchtime talks
- Information about available scholarships and tips for applying
• Additional qualifications you might wish to submit as part of your QTAC application
• Any other information related to your plans for 2016.
Expert tips on how to excel in Years 11 and 12

The ‘What degree? Which university?’ website suggests that the following are expert tips to help you achieve your best in Years 11 and 12:

- Establish goals
- Use to-do lists
- Motivate yourself
- Take breaks
- Ask questions
- Do practice questions
- Use weekends effectively
- Listen in class
- Look after yourself.

Youth Enrichment Activities

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 28 June – 4 July 2015 (during the school holidays). Find out more at http://www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/learning/trinity-institute/new-york-jazz-symposium.html. Applications close on 25 May 2015.
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