

THE TERTIARY TIMES

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The Tertiary Times, is a one-stop point for information from the SSK QTAC talks. Here you will find reminders, links and information discussed in the weekly sessions. If you have any questions, please email or make an appointment to see me tkirk45@eq.edu.au

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH!



Find courses, compare university ratings and explore careers.

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/>



<https://www.qtac.edu.au/course-search/>



Explore and compare institutions and study areas based on real life student experiences

<https://www.compared.edu.au/>



CQU QTAC VOUCHERS

Through the ongoing support of the Federal Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnership Program (HEPPP), CQU is committed to increasing the participation of students from low socioeconomic, regional and remote and Indigenous students in higher education.

If you are a current Year 12 student enrolled in a CQUConnect Partner School, (YEP Bundy High is!) CQU invite you to apply for a QTAC voucher to cover the cost of your QTAC application fee.

<https://www.cqu.edu.au/study/future-students/widening-participation/qtac-voucher-application>



VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOURS



<https://www.acu.edu.au/locations/brisbane/brisbane-virtual-tour>



<https://www.qut.edu.au/about/campuses-and-facilities/virtual-tours>



<https://www.jcu.edu.au/vr>

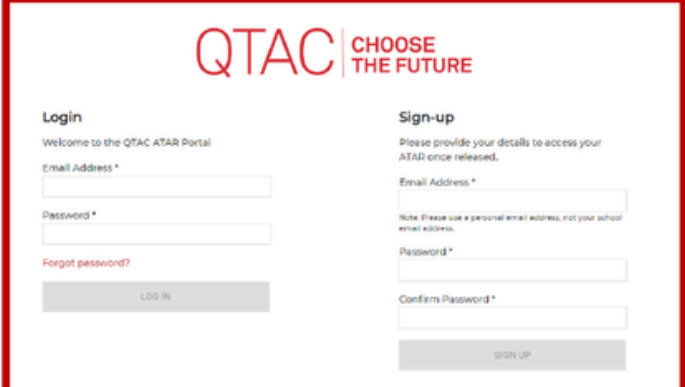


<https://study.uq.edu.au/university-life/campus-tours/virtual-tours>

Couldn't make it to any of the OPEN DAYS? There are lots of virtual campus tours on Youtube and you don't have to leave your house

Accessing your ATAR

- Current Queensland Year 12 students can open their ATAR account with QTAC from August
- Students who wish to study interstate also need to create an ATAR account
- ATARs will be released in December
- If you wish to apply to commence tertiary study in 2025, you will also need to complete a QTAC application



The screenshot shows the QTAC ATAR Portal interface. At the top, the QTAC logo is followed by the tagline 'CHOOSE THE FUTURE'. Below this, there are two main sections: 'Login' and 'Sign-up'. The 'Login' section includes a welcome message, fields for 'Email Address *' and 'Password *', a 'Forgot password?' link, and a 'LOG IN' button. The 'Sign-up' section includes a message asking for details to access the ATAR once released, fields for 'Email Address *', 'Password *', and 'Confirm Password *', and a 'SIGN UP' button. A note specifies to use a personal email address, not a school email address.

You can register for your ATAR and access a range of resources at **qtac.edu.au/atar**



JOBS FOR THIS WEEK....



- Register for the QTAC 'Remind Me' Service to keep up to date with key dates and information.
- Register for your FREE QTAC Voucher (valued at \$70) if you are intending on lodging a QTAC application.
- Register an account on the QTAC ATAR PORTAL (If you are ATAR eligible). Remember to use a personal email account)
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- Check out! www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au (It has loads of great useful information)
- Read the 2026 Year 12 QTAC Guide. Talk with your family about options. Is leaving Bundaberg an option?
- Check out the QTAC website and University websites. There are lots of videos and webinars explaining Early Offer programs and the QTAC Application process.



HAVE YOU READ THE BUNDY HIGH 'APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY GUIDE'?



Bundaberg State High School Applying to University Guide 2025-2026



Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre

What is QTAC?

QTAC - the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre - is the central body that takes applications on behalf of a number of universities and private colleges primarily in QLD and some in NSW. QTAC assesses student applications for 17 institutions, calculates the ATAR selection rank, and provides pathway options to tertiary education on your journey to your dream career.

QTAC

CHOOSE
THE FUTURE

The information in this guide is summarised from the QTAC website, which you should refer to as you prepare for and complete your application.

QTAC Institutions

Apply through QTAC for the following institutions:

- Australian Catholic University
- Bond University
- Christian Heritage College
- CQ University
- Federation University
- Griffith College
- Griffith University
- James Cook University
- Queensland University of Technology
- SAE University College
- Southern Cross University
- TAFE Queensland
- Torrens University Australia
- The University of Queensland
- University of New England
- University of Southern Queensland
- University of the Sunshine Coast

Direct Application Institutions

These institutions require direct applications instead:

- Bond University
- JMC Academy
- Mater Education
- New York Film Academy Australia

QTAC Fees

QTAC FEES 2025/2026 (INC GST)

APPLICATION SUBMISSION FEES			
Year 12 early bird	5/8/2025 - 30/9/2025	\$70	
Year 12 standard	1/10/2025 - 28/2/2026	\$150	
All applicants	1/3/2026 - 31/6/2026	\$120	
Applications open 5 August for study in 2026. Adult Application fees vary, visit qtac.edu.au/fees for more information on fees. Early bird fees ensure applications can be processed in a timely way with the majority of scheduled rounds.			
OTHER FEES			
First three Preference changes		Free	
Fourth and subsequent Preference changes		\$70	
ATAR Certificate (PDF)		\$10	
ATAR Certificate (Printed)		\$30	

Visit qtac.edu.au/fees for more information on fees.

International Students

Check directly with the institution to confirm the best application process. See the "how to apply" tab on the [institution profile page](#).

QTAC Summary of Key Dates

Key Dates

5th August 2025	QTAC applications open
18th December 2025	ATARs released. Register here .

Course offers & vacancies

Find out when institutions will be making offers, and which courses are open for applications. The information on this page changes often, check regularly for updates.

QTAC Vouchers

If you are a current Year 12 enrolled student in a CQUConnect Partner School (YES! Bundy High is!) CQU invite you to apply for a QTAC voucher to cover the cost of your QTAC application fee (valued at \$70). You don't have to apply to CQU to access voucher.

QTAC Remind Me



Sign up to QTAC's Remind Me Service! From July 2025 to February 2026 QTAC will guide you through ATAR release and offers via email and SMS. [Sign up here](#).

Fixed Closing Dates

Some courses have early or fixed closing dates to apply and or submit documents for. Click the heading to see if your courses are on the list and to avoid missing out.

Offer Rounds

November and December Rounds

If you are applying for courses which have an early major offer round in 2026 (See page 11 in QTAC Guide), you should list these courses above any courses which are offered in the January offer round. If you receive an offer in January but this is not your preferred course you can conditionally respond and then list your preferred course above the course you have been offered. If you are then offered a higher preference in January, you can accept it; if you are not offered another course in January, you will retain the December offered course.

QTAC Applications

1. Get Ready

Before you begin, you must have:

- A personal (non-school) email address.
- Your Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) available at myqca.qcaa.qld.edu.au.
- A USI. Find your USI or create a USI.
- Use Course Search to find course admission criteria and minimum selection thresholds.

2. Apply

- Visit applications.qtac.edu.au to create a QTAC account.
- Fill out your details and lodge your application.
- Check your 'Alerts' section, to see if you need to submit documentation.

Watch the video below for a quick and clear overview of the QTAC application process.



3. After You Apply

- Track your application in the portal to:
- Check if you meet entry requirements.
- Pay your application fee.
- Change your preferences.
- Update your contact details.
- View correspondence from QTAC.
- Check if you need to submit documentation.
- View and respond to an offer.

Listing Preferences

You can list up to 6 course preferences. Once you've got a shortlist of courses you want to apply for, it's important to carefully consider the order you're going to list them in. How you order your preferences depends on whether you are doing so before or after receiving an offer. If it's before an offer, make sure you order your preferences carefully so you don't miss out on what you want to study.

Remember to check if any of your preferences have fixed closing dates, and if you're applying for courses that are being offered in different rounds, make sure you order them chronologically, according to the offer round date.

The following is a good guide on how to think about your preferences:

1st & 2nd preferences	Courses you most want to study
3rd & 4th preferences	Backup courses - less competitive courses that you want to study
5th & 6th preferences	Pathway courses - courses that can help you upgrade into your preferred course

Changing Preferences

You can add, delete, edit or reorder your preferences, but don't save your changes until you've got your preferences exactly as you want them - the first three preference changes are free, but you're charged a fee each time after this. Note: **You cannot delete a preference you have been offered.**

QTAC Educational Access Scheme

What is the EAS?

The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) helps if your studies have been impacted by financial or personal challenges.

If your EAS application is successful, you may receive adjustments to your QTAC selection rank. This can help you compete for tertiary study on a more equal basis.

If you are eligible for the Financial Hardship category, you may also get financial assistance from institutions, such as scholarships or bursaries.

You can apply for as many EAS categories as you like and your information will be kept confidential and only used to assess your eligibility for EAS.

Supporting Evidence

EAS is an evidence-based scheme. To be considered for an adjustment you must:

- Provide all supporting documents required in all categories.
- Ensure all documents are legible and easy to read.
- Upload all documents as PDFs.

If you can't provide the documentation you need to submit a statement explaining why. You should also include any alternative documents that may support your case.

See the [EAS Frequently Asked Questions](#) page for more information.

Applying for EAS

1. Check eligibility and documentation requirements for the EAS Categories you want to apply for.
2. Nominate the EAS categories in your QTAC application.
3. If your chosen categories require it, ask a support person – usually a school representative or medical professional – to support your claim.
4. Download & complete the coversheets for your chosen categories (links on next page).
5. Get high quality PDF copies of other supporting documents.
6. Upload your completed EAS coversheet and all other required documents to your application by logging in to Application Services and going to Outstanding Documents.
7. Check Application Services and your email regularly to see if QTAC's EAS assessors have requested any further documents. EAS assessment cannot be finalised until we receive all required documents.

This video provides an overview of EAS and its application process:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfvaE71y5Zg>



QTAC Educational Access Scheme

EAS Categories

Financial Hardship

You are from a low-income background.

Home Environment & Responsibilities

Your home environment negatively impacted your most recent studies.

English Language Difficulty

You:

- Have studied in English for less than 6 years.
 - Have experienced profound difficulty studying in English.
 - Are a recent migrant to Australia or a refugee or asylum seeker
- International students who have chosen to study in English in Australia are not eligible.

Personal Illness or Disability

You have experienced:

- A disability.
- A long-term or recurrent medical or psychological condition.
- A serious, short-term medical or psychological condition.
- Learning difficulties.

School Environment

You have experienced:

- Regional or remote schooling.
- Travel time greater than 2 hours to school each day, as a round trip, from your home in a regional or remote area. Significant peer conflict at school during your senior studies.
- A natural disaster or serious accident.
- Death of a school peer.
- Limited access to schooling before coming to Australia as a refugee.
- One or more changes of school or school system in Years 11 and 12 with adverse impact.
- Excessive change of teachers in one or more subjects during senior schooling (generally more than 3 teachers or 4 changes).
- Distance Education for one or more subjects during years 11 and 12 due to circumstances beyond your control.
- Composite or concurrent classes for one or more subjects during your senior schooling with adverse impact.

Other Assistance Schemes

There are a number of other special admission schemes such as: Year 12 subject scheme, Access and equity schemes, Rural Access Scheme, Regional preference schemes, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander schemes, Elite Athlete and Performer Scheme.

Student Resources

2026 QTAC Guide

Download your copy of the 2026 QTAC Guide for complete information about applying, courses, and institutions.



Sign Up for Your ATAR

Watch the video below and have the following details ready:

- Full name (same as on QCAA account)
 - Date of birth
 - ULI number
 - Personal (non-school) email address
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12t7Zot0g2c>



QTAC Passport

Provides information about the ATAR, IB, QTAC applications, assistance schemes, preferencing, and offers.



Applying Interstate

If you want to apply interstate, you must sign up to the [ATAR portal](#) and provide consent for QTAC to share your ATAR with interstate Tertiary Admission Centres.

You can also download a copy of your ATAR to share with overseas and other non-QTAC institutions.

- You can apply for most interstate courses through state-based tertiary admissions centres:
- New South Wales: [UAC](#)
 - Northern Territory and/or South Australia: [SATAC](#)
 - Tasmania: [University of Tasmania](#)
 - Victoria: [VTAC](#)
 - Western Australia: [TISC](#)

Application processes and fees vary, so visit the relevant state's tertiary admissions centre or institution website for more information.

UPCOMING EVENT



QUT Advice Night

Tuesday 16 September | 5.30pm - 7.00pm

An upcoming online session is available for Year 12 students and their parents to explore the five essentials of applying to QUT in 2026. The session will cover entry requirements, the Year 12 Early Offer Scheme (for QCE students), adjustment schemes, upgrading pathways, and scholarships.

Current QUT students will also share insights about their university experience, including the QTAC process, course choices, and campus life.

Remind Me

Receive helpful information and reminders of key dates for QTAC Applications and ATAR release

