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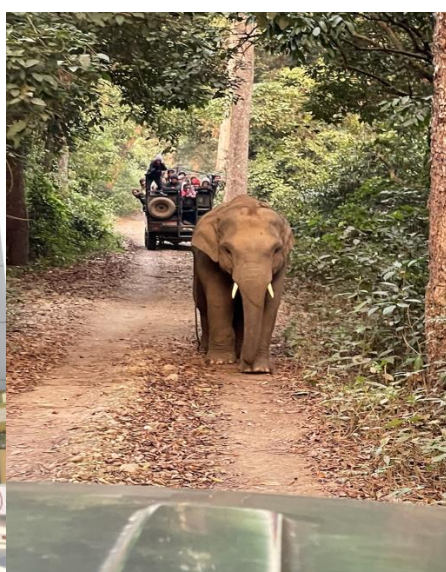
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Introduction

In today's issue you'll find information about medicine and engineering events that many of our students will be interested in attending. There's also an opportunity to register for a webinar being held by the University of Melbourne for Queensland students, and some valuable advice around what to look for when researching university courses.

Last week, we welcomed recent past students Maddie Davies and Lucy Chenery to speak to students who were interested in hearing about their Medical Experience Program adventure. At the end of their Year 12 year, Maddie and Lucy travelled to Nepal with [Projects Abroad](#) where they participated in hospital rounds, workshops, school visits and a safari trip. By all accounts, it was a life-changing experience that has inspired them to pursue their career interests in the field of medicine and allied health.



Events

Next Week's Events

Medicine Information Evening

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: UQ St Lucia Campus & Online

Date: March 18 to March 19, 2025

Attend our information session to learn about studying medicine at The University of Queensland (UQ).

Hear from UQ Medical School staff, UQ alumni and current students on the changing medical climate, how to apply for medicine at UQ, and tips for success.

- Explore the current climate and magnitude of medicine.
- Learn how to apply for our Doctor of Medicine (MD) program.
- Discover our multiple entry routes and partnerships with CQUniversity and UniSQ.
- Get advice from recent graduates and current students.

- Engage in an interactive Q&A panel with alumni and current students.
- Network with current medical students.

[Find out more and register](#)

UniMelb 101: A webinar for Queensland students

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Online

Date: March 18, 2025

Ever wondered what it's like to study at the University of Melbourne, in the heart of Australia's most liveable city?

If you're from Queensland, this is your chance to find out.

UniMelb 101 is a live Q&A webinar designed for you to ask your burning questions about study at Melbourne, entry requirements specific to your high school curriculum and the exciting student life and community that awaits you.

Book your place now and you'll gain exclusive access to a pre-recorded session where you'll be introduced to:

- How the Melbourne curriculum supports you to explore your passions, follow your curiosity and find your path through our wide range of majors and breadth subjects
- Our Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS), Access Melbourne, which takes into consideration your personal circumstances in your VTAC application – you may even be eligible for guaranteed entry
- The Narm Scholarship Program, which offers a living allowance to help you with the cost of living and tailored academic and wellbeing support to build your connections and make the most of your time at Melbourne
- Student accommodation options and student life initiatives to support you in making Melbourne your new home and feeling welcomed by our community
- How you can take advantage of opportunities in and out of the classroom, such as concurrent diplomas, work-integrated learning and internships, exchange programs, and peer mentoring.

At the live Q&A, you'll also hear from some of our current students who have made the move from to Melbourne and be able to ask them questions about their experiences.

[Find out more and register](#)

Brisbane Pilot Career Seminar

Organisation: Basair Aviation College

Location: Archerfield Airport

Date: March 20, 2025

Do you dream of taking to the skies and achieving your wildest aviation dreams?

Attend Basair's Pilot Career Seminar and learn everything you need to know about becoming a Commercial Pilot with Australia's leading flight training organisation.

[Find out more and register](#)

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Engineering Link Project – Year 11 and 12

Organisation: The Engineering Link Group

Location: QUT Gardens Point Campus

Date: March 22, 2025

We are proud to continue to be associated with QUT, Engineers Australia, and The Queensland Government, and are excited to present the Engineering Link Project for 2025. The Engineering Link Project is a one-day event for Year 11 and 12 students interested in discovering what engineering really is!

Students will participate in two hands-on workshops in different engineering disciplines. Each workshop will challenge your creativity and knowledge of maths and science and introduce you to the engineering paradigm.

[Find out more and register](#)

Intro to Engineering – Year 9 and 10

Organisation: The Engineering Link Group

Location: QUT Gardens Point Campus

Date: March 22, 2025

QUT, Engineers Australia, and the Queensland Government and are excited to present the 2025 QUT Introduction to Engineering. This is a one-day event for Year 9 and 10 students interested in discovering what engineering is all about!

Students will participate in two hands-on workshops in different engineering disciplines. Each workshop is designed to challenge creativity and knowledge of maths and science and introduce middle years students to the engineering paradigm.

[Find out more and register](#)

Future Events

The Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) Engineering events

The QMEA Oresome Minds Camp is designed for **Year 11 and 12 students** who are interested in pursuing a university STEM pathway, with a focus on careers in the resources sector. This camp will be held in partnership with Glencore Mount Isa Mines at their Mount Isa mine facility from 6th – 11th July. Please note that while all costs for accommodation, meals, and social events are covered, flights to Mount Isa must be arranged and paid for by the participant. Teachers from QMEA schools interested in accompanying students are also invited to apply using the Teacher EOI form attached.

The QMEA Oresome Engineering Camp is tailored for **Year 10** students passionate about engineering, science, mathematics, and other related professional fields. It will take place at the University of Queensland, Brisbane from 7th – 10th July. For this camp, all expenses, including flights, accommodation, meals, and social events, are fully covered. Please find more information [here](#) and in the Daily Notices on Minerva.

Virtual Open Day 2025

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Online

Date: April 5, 2025

Experience Bond's deliberately different approach to learning at Virtual Open Day. Register to unlock exclusive content, available to you on-demand, and watch the broadcast streamed live from campus on Saturday, 5 April, 2025 from 12pm AEST.

See for yourself why the Gold Coast is Australia's favourite classroom. From our personalised attention to our exceptional graduate outcomes, Virtual Open Day is the place to uncover everything Bond University has to offer.

[Find out more and register](#)

Beginner Language Bootcamp at UQ IML

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: Online

Date: April 7 to April 11, 2025

Join UQ's Institute of Modern Languages (IML) for an exciting 5-day immersive language program designed specifically for students in years 7 and 8.

What's involved:

- Learn from experienced UQ IML tutors in a fun, online setting
- Choose from French, German, Japanese or Spanish – no previous experience required
- Learn over 5 days, from Monday to Friday
- Sessions run daily for 1.5 hours, from 9am to 10:30am

Applications for the April bootcamp are open now and close 31 March 2025.

[Find out more and register](#)

Discover ACU Brisbane

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU Brisbane Campus

Date: April 9, 2025

Experience university life firsthand at the 2025 Discover ACU. This free event, tailored to your specific study interests, offers an in-depth look at what it is like to be a university student.

At our Brisbane campus, you will find a range of engaging sessions on topics including business, education, nursing, midwifery, paramedicine, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech pathology, law, and criminology, plus guided campus tours.

[Find out more and register](#)

UQ Career Pulse

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: UQ St Lucia Campus

Date: April 24, 2025

Explore the exciting career paths open to you at UQ's free, career-focused event for high school students.

- Hear from academic staff, industry professionals, UQ graduates and current students.
- Identify your strengths and interests and match these with future career opportunities.
- See UQ's beautiful St Lucia campus and check out our state-of-the-art facilities.

You can nominate to attend up to 3 career-focused sessions out of our exciting and diverse program, with themes covering:

- Sustainability
- Innovation
- Technology
- Leadership
- Human connection

[Find out more and register](#)

Health Experience Day

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond Gold Coast Campus

Date: April 26, 2025

Discover what it's like to manage the care of real patients from start to finish through Bond's Health Experience Day. This free event is your opportunity to consult with clinical doctors, physiotherapists, dietitians, occupational therapists, biomedical and exercise scientists, and other allied health professionals, to gain a deeper understanding of the different career options available in the health sciences.

You will take on the fictional role of healthcare advisor, working with patients to consolidate all their primary and allied health practitioner's assessments, and will provide the next steps going forward in the management of these patients. Working with the health team and individual patients, you'll determine the optimal courses of treatment for the best outcome.

[Find out more and register](#)

Creative Arts Open Day 2025

Organisation: Griffith University

Location: Griffith South Bank Campus

Date: May 18, 2025

Designed for those thinking of a creative career, Creative Arts Open Day is the best way to discover the variety of degree options from design, visual and creative arts, music and performing arts, film and animation, industrial design and architecture.

Immerse yourself in interactive workshops, demonstrations, studio and campus tours and info sessions, to learn more about your study and career options in the creative and performing arts.

[Find out more and register](#)

University

[5 things to think about when looking for a course](#)

Planning on doing some more study in the future? You might be feeling a bit overwhelmed by the thousands of course choices out there. If you're looking for some guidance, we've got some things you might like to think about when looking for a course - it could help you make your decision.

Study location

This is one of the most important things you'll need to consider first. Would you be willing to move to another city (or even state or country) to study your chosen course? Or perhaps you're unable (or unwilling) to move and you'd like to study online instead.

As well as location, look at different universities, vocational institutions, and private providers and compare your options. Take a tour of the campus (in person or virtually), browse accommodation options, and read about on-campus clubs, facilities, and activities. See if you can read student reviews about their experience, or talk to someone you know has studied there in the past.

Flexibility and access

As well as where you'll be studying, take a look at other important details about the course. This includes things like whether part-time study is available, if you can defer your studies, and even what their study calendar is like (when will you be on holidays, for example?).

You should also do a bit of research on the institution's other options and services, such as how easy it is to switch between courses if you've changed your mind, whether you'll receive any credit for past studies, and what kind of support they offer (e.g. for students with disabilities, career advice, etc.).

Entry requirements

One of the key things you'll need to know about a course is whether or not you're eligible to apply. Make sure you read and meet any academic requirements and have the needed subject prerequisites before you apply.

If you're not eligible through the standard pathway, take a look at their alternative pathway options and see if there is another way you might be able to receive an offer instead.

Course fees

Unfortunately, not a lot of things in life are free - and this includes most tertiary courses. Take a look at not only how much the course will cost, but what your options for payment are.

Common finance options include loans, payment plans, [scholarships](#), and even government assistance.

But in some circumstances you might be expected to pay your course fees upfront, so make sure you know exactly what you'll owe and how you'll pay for it before signing up.

Career pathways

If you're looking into further study, it's probably because it will eventually lead you to a particular job or career. So ensure the course you're looking at will actually qualify you for future jobs. Take a look at job sites and see what qualifications employers are looking for in roles you'd like to have one day.

In some cases, you might be required to have a specific degree to start in your chosen career (if you want to be a doctor, for example, you'll need to follow a set study pathway).

Also consider other jobs and pathways the course could take you, in case you find your career goals change over time or don't pan out how you expected.

Learn more

Have more questions about study options, courses, or pathways? [Check out the rest of our resources on our website here.](#)

Entrepreneurship

[Accelerating regional female founders – Knoi Launchpad](#)

Knoi Launchpad is a six-month program, fully funded, for young women across regional Queensland with a startup idea. Whether you're looking to grow your side hustle or transform your concept into an innovative thriving business, this program is designed for you.

What's included:

- In-depth training in business development, covering key skills and strategies
- Mentorship and industry connections to help you expand your professional network

- Ongoing support from industry experts to guide you at every step

Plus, participants will have the opportunity to complete a Certificate IV in Entrepreneurship and New Business, further fuelling their entrepreneurial journey.

Applications to join the second cohort are open now, and close 30 May.

[Find out more about the program and apply here.](#)

Money

[7 tips for maximising your scholarship application](#)

Thinking of applying for a scholarship? There are heaps of reasons why you should - but how can you make sure your application is the one that stands out from the crowd? We have some tips for maximising your scholarship application.

Start early

Some scholarship applications can be quite involved and need a lot of information, so it's best to ensure you give yourself enough time to get all your documents together and can craft a quality application. Plus, the earlier you start the less likely it is you'll miss the closing date!

Use examples

There are lots of scholarships that will probably ask you to demonstrate your skills or experience - so think of situations you've been in and how they might specifically apply to the scholarship you're applying for. A great way of doing this is by using the [STAR method](#):

- **Situation:** Describe the situation and when it took place.
- **Task:** Explain the task, the goal and your role.
- **Action:** Provide details about the action you took.
- **Result:** Talk about the results of your actions, try and use concrete numbers or evidence if possible.

Read the criteria carefully

While it might seem like a good idea to cast a wide net, you should still make sure you're eligible for any scholarships you apply for. At the end of the day, you'll not only be wasting the assessor's time but your own as well.

Do some research

If the scholarship is offered or sponsored by a donor, do some research on them. Think of ways you can tie your skills and experience together with the donor's mission or goals, and use this to your advantage. It shows you've gone that one step further and can make your application stand out.

Make it personal

A lot of the time, institutions will want to know a bit more about you and your motivations. It's important to answer any questions honestly and not just say what you think they'll want to hear. And if your personality and interests tie in with the scholarship criteria, even better - use that as a way to show why you're most deserving of the scholarship.

Keep it relevant

Building on the point above, it's also important to make sure you don't spend lots of time waffling on about things that aren't relevant to the scholarship. Addressing any eligibility criteria

in a way that's both concise and relevant is a great way to maximise your application (plus a lot of applications will have word limits you need to stick to as well).

Don't limit yourself

There are literally thousands of scholarships out there - so give yourself the best chance of winning one and apply for as many as you can. Lots of scholarships go unawarded every year simply because people don't apply! Don't forget to keep point three in mind though, and make sure you're eligible before applying.

Jobs & Careers

[Why do we work?](#)

Work is something most of us engage in at some point - in fact, [it's estimated that we spend around one third of our lives at work](#), so it also tends to be a big part of our identity. But *why* do we work? Even if it's a necessity, it's still a conscious choice we make. Let's take a look at some of the reasons why we work - they might help you figure out what you want your future career to look like.

The main reason we work

The main reason most people get up and go to work every day is pretty simple: they do it to earn money. In today's world, we need money for:

- Paying for the home we live in
- Getting around (fuel for the car, public transport, a bike, etc.)
- Buying food, clothes, and other things we need
- Paying bills, like water, phone, internet, and electricity
- Going on holidays and doing fun stuff
- Buying luxuries and things we don't need but want
- Saving so you can enjoy your retirement when you eventually stop working
- To spend on our loved ones

Just remember that not everyone is lucky enough to be able to work; and if you can't work for some reason, that's OK too. Not working doesn't de-value you as a person, and it doesn't mean you shouldn't be able to have a good quality of life.

There are lots of other reasons we work

We get it, the thought of forcing yourself to work every day just so you can make some money doesn't sound particularly enticing. But while money is important, it's definitely not the only reason we work. There are lots of other influences behind why we work, such as:

- We enjoy it
- It makes us feel important
- We can challenge ourselves and learn new things
- We can help our community
- It gives us something to do each day
- We are part of a team
- It can help us to grow

Let's look at each of these in more detail.

Some people love what they do

People who love what they do will often find their career very rewarding, regardless of whether the money is good. It doesn't matter what the job is; it could be teaching kids, looking after

people, writing novels, coding apps, growing food, building things...anything at all! And people are passionate about all kinds of jobs, even if they might seem strange or boring to others.

It can make you feel important

Like we mentioned above, because work is such a big part of our lives, it's often closely tied to our identity (or how we think about ourselves). When we receive positive feedback at work or feel like the things we do make a difference, that increases our self-esteem and can make us feel valued.

You can learn lots of new things

Learning can make life fun and exciting - and it doesn't stop after you leave school or university. At work, you might learn about new apps and technology, meet new people, or learn how to use different equipment and machines. It won't always be fun (sometimes you have to do tasks that are boring or hard), but either way you'll still be gaining valuable new skills and experiences.

You can give back to your community

When you earn money, you pay taxes, which doesn't sound like much fun. But taxes help to pay for all kinds of important things, like roads, parks, hospitals, and emergency services. Your taxes also help to support other people who are less fortunate and aren't able to work, so that they can have a good quality of life.

So no matter what your job is, when you go to work you're helping your community become a better place to live - and that can really make you feel good.

It stops you getting bored

Years and years ago people didn't have structured work. Their "job" each day was to hunt and gather food, make clothes, move to new areas, build shelters, and look after their children. But now we have houses built for us, we buy our food from the supermarket, we don't move about as much, and our children go to school - so without work, what would we do all day?

Of course, there are other, more fun ways to spend the day, like going to the movies, but these things usually cost money - so you couldn't afford to do them if you didn't work anyway.

You become part of a team

You probably have lots of people at school that you like and enjoy being around, or you might feel proud if your sports team wins a tournament. When you work, you essentially join another kind of team, and it can feel really good to help them do bigger and better things. People also tend to make friends at work, and are [more productive and happy when they work with other people](#).

Work helps you to keep growing

When you keep learning, when you feel happy, and when you're part of a team, that changes you *in a good way*. These might not be not huge changes (unless you're lucky enough to really love your job and it makes you super happy all the time), but lots of little things can add up to help you become more patient, more confident, and more fulfilled.

Work is about more than money

Sure, it's nice to have your own money and support yourself, but work can (and should) be about much more than just earning money. Your job should be fun, interesting, exciting, and challenging too. So think about the reasons why you might like to work, and try to choose a career that makes you both financially stable and fulfilled.

If you'd like to learn more about work, [we have lots of other blogs on our website here](#).

Job Spotlights

[Discover career pathways in Translation and Interpretation](#)

The field of translation and interpretation involves the conversion of written or spoken content from one language to another, ensuring effective communication between individuals or groups who speak different languages.

This pathway might be right for you if you are interested in bridging language barriers and facilitating communication, or if you enjoy immersing yourself in different cultures and languages.

What do careers in this pathway involve?

Translators work with written texts, while interpreters specialise in oral communication. With a deep understanding of languages, cultures, and subject matter, professionals in this field play a crucial role in bridging language barriers and facilitating global communication.

Growth in the translation and interpretation pathway is increasing as businesses, governments, and individuals seek to expand their reach and connect across cultures.

What are some important human skills for this pathway?

- Communication
- Social awareness
- Collaboration
- Critical thinking
- Innovation

What are some of the tasks involved?

- Translate written and oral information
- Communicate between parties
- Take notes during meetings
- Maintain neutrality during meetings
- Research specialised terminology
- Design translation software and tools
- Stay informed about cultural trends
- Maintain terminology databases
- Teach language skills to others

What kind of work environment and conditions can I expect?

Translators typically work in offices, and many enjoy the flexibility of working remotely. In contrast, interpreters often work on-site at conferences, courts, hospitals, or business meetings, which can also involve travel.

Working hours in this field can be quite flexible, especially for freelance translators who can choose when to complete their projects.

The Clusters in translation and interpretation

Find out more about the kind of work people in each [Career Cluster](#) might do in this pathway.

Guardians

Guardians in this pathway ensure the accuracy and ethical standards of translated materials.

Linkers

Linkers in this pathway are needed to connect clients with translation and interpretation services.

Coordinators

Coordinators manage translation projects, from client consultation to quality control.

Informers

Informers are very common in this pathway, educating clients on language nuances, cultural context, and legal considerations.

Makers

Makers are rare in this pathway, but may help with translating or interpreting spoken or written content.

Innovators

Innovators in this pathway develop new translation technologies and methodologies.

Where can a translation and interpretation pathway take me?

Interested in a career in translation and interpretation? There are many roles you might like to consider – here are just a few.

Entry level roles

These jobs can be started with little or no training or experience, and are great as a stepping stone towards more senior roles in the pathway.

Translation Assistant

Help senior translators with basic document translation, terminology research, and formatting, gaining valuable experience while working under supervision.

Customer Service Representative

Handle inquiries and provide support in multiple languages, building essential communication skills and industry-specific vocabulary.

Subtitled

Create and edit subtitles for videos or films, converting dialogue between languages while learning about timing, cultural context, and audiovisual translation techniques.

Mid-level roles

Once you have some further study or experience under your belt, you might like to consider moving into one of these roles.

Certified Translator

Work on official documents like legal contracts, academic transcripts, or medical records to produce translations that are recognised by courts and government agencies.

Conference Interpreter

Provide interpretation services at international meetings, business conferences, or diplomatic events, conveying messages accurately between languages in real-time.

Languages Teacher

Instruct students in foreign language skills, using your translation experience to explain complex concepts, cultural nuances, and practical language application.

Senior level roles

These jobs will require extensive further education or many years of experience, but are also highly rewarding.

Translation Agency Director

Manage teams of translators and interpreters, develop business strategies, build client relationships, and oversee quality control for all projects.

International Organisation Interpreter

Work at the highest diplomatic level for organisations like the United Nations or European Union, handling sensitive political communications with absolute precision.

Translation Technology Director

Develop and implement translation software, machine translation systems, and AI solutions that improve efficiency and consistency across large translation projects.

Similar pathways

If these careers aren't quite right for you, you might like to explore some other similar pathways instead.

Tourism and Travel

Explore new destinations, plan itineraries, provide exceptional customer service, and promote cultural exchange.

[Immigration](#)

Assist individuals in navigating legal processes and finding new opportunities in new countries.

Writing and Editing

Create and refine written content for various mediums, including books, articles, and websites.

How can I build experience in this pathway?

If you're still in high school and want to find out if a career in translation and interpretation is right for you, here are some activities you can do:

- Practice translating a short text to understand language nuances
- Study interpretation techniques to understand real-time translation
- Take a virtual tour of a translation agency

We recommend studying these subjects in high school:

- English
- Mathematics
- Languages
- Civics
- Society and Culture

Here are some suggestions of places you might like to try and find work experience:

- Non-profit organisations that work with immigrant communities
- International corporations with offices in different countries
- Government agencies that require language services
- Hospitals and medical centres with diverse patient populations
- Educational institutions with international programs

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