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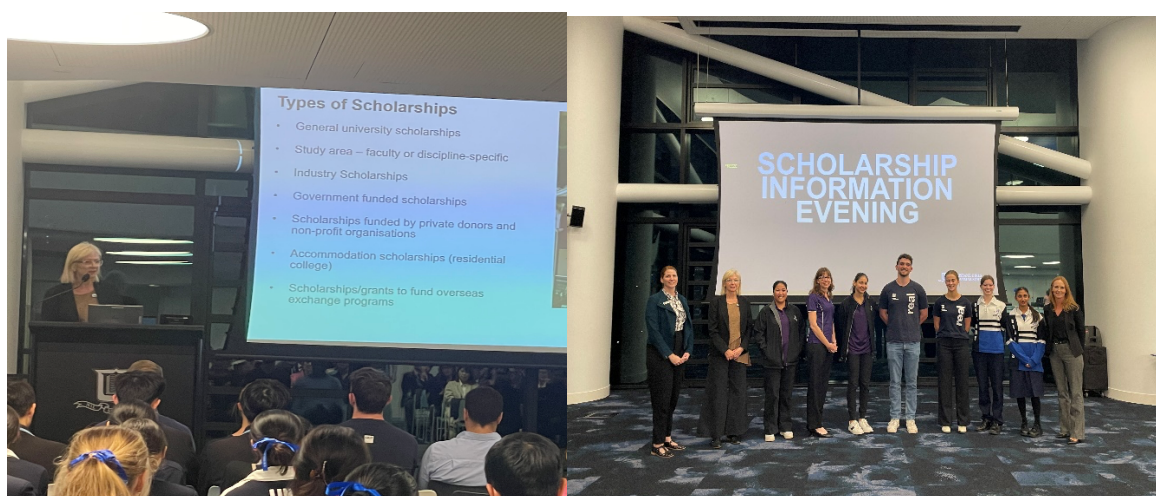
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Introduction

Year 10s are approaching an important period of time where they are thinking carefully about their subject selection for senior. The Year 11 2026 Subject Selection Evening on Wednesday 11 June will be an important event for them.

Senior students have been hearing about the benefits of living in residential college, thanks to a visit from St John's College, UQ (Year 12 Ethics) and Emmanuel College, UQ (lunchtime). Residential colleges, both here and interstate, are open for applications, so Year 12s considering this option are advised to begin preparing applications.

The Scholarship Information Evening was well attended on Monday 19 May with Year 12 students and their parents hearing about scholarship opportunities from UQ, Bond and QUT.



If you miss any events, remember to go to the [Tertiary Pathways page of Minerva](#) for presentations and recordings, if available.

In this issue, you'll see information about Open Days – a must for Year 11 and 12, Adjustment Schemes and more. Enjoy reading.

Events

Future Events

June 7: Health Experience Day

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond Gold Coast Campus

Date: June 7, 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](#)

June 7: Online Campus Day

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Location: Online

Date: June 7, 2025

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

[Find out more and register](#)

June 12-14: Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo 2025

Organisation: Kym Jones Exhibitions

Location: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Date: June 12 to June 14, 2025

Queensland's largest Careers & Employment Event is open on June 12 to 14, 2025 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. The Expo will host over 160 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free.

The event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses and workers seeking new training options.

[Find out more and register](#)

July 19-20: Brisbane Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo 2025

Organisation: CareersEvent.com

Location: Brisbane Showgrounds

Date: July 19 to July 20, 2025

The Brisbane Careers Expo (TSXPO) is Queensland's largest and longest-running career fair, connecting students, graduates, and job seekers with top universities, training institutions, and employers. Whether you're exploring tertiary studies, looking for employment opportunities, or seeking career advice, this careers event is your gateway to success.

The Brisbane Careers Expo is your ultimate gateway to:

- Latest Career Opportunities: Connect with 100+ employers, universities, and training providers.
- Tertiary Studies Expo: Compare courses, scholarships, and pathways with leading institutions.
- Expert Guidance: Attend seminars on career paths and emerging industries.
- Real Student Insights: Chat with current undergraduates about courses, workloads, and campus life.

[Find out more and register](#)

July 26: Bond Open Day 2025

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond Gold Coast Campus

Date: July 26, 2025

Open Day is the perfect way to learn more about everything a university has to offer – whether that's done through meeting students and academics, roaming our beautiful campus, or even testing out our facilities.

[Find out more and register](#)

July 27: QUT Open Day 2025

Organisation: Queensland University of Technology

Location: QUT Gardens Point & Kelvin Grove Campuses

Date: July 27, 2025

Discover the real QUT — with behind-the-scenes tours, study area advice, talks with students and academics, and the chance to explore campus life and opportunities outside the classroom.

[Find out more and register](#)

August 3: UQ St Lucia Open Day 2025

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: UQ St Lucia Campus

Date: August 3, 2025

We can't wait to welcome you to Open Day at UQ's St Lucia campus in Brisbane. Explore your interests and study options, immerse yourself in university life and get answers to all your questions.

What to expect:

- Attend sessions to uncover your study area of interest and find out more about the degrees we offer.
- Enter a competition, grab some freebies, listen to live music, get hands-on in a workshop or come on a tour.
- Get to know UQ. Ask current students and teachers all your questions and find out about student life.

[Find out more and register](#)

August 3: Open Day 2025, Sunshine Coast

Organisation: University of the Sunshine Coast

Location: UniSC Sunshine Coast Campus

Date: August 3, 2025

UniSC Open Day is all about welcoming community and future students on to campus to check out UniSC's program offerings, meet staff and explore UniSC's world class teaching and learning facilities.

[Find out more and register](#)

August 9: UniSQ Open Day 2025, Ipswich

Organisation: University of Southern Queensland

Location: UniSQ Ipswich Campus

Date: August 9, 2025

Open Day is the best way to get a feel for the campus, learn more about your study options, student clubs, sports teams, events, as well as finding out what it's really like to study at UniSQ.

- Take a tour around campus and discover our state of the art facilities. Plus, don't forget to explore our indoor rainforest located in our Library.
- Chat one-on-one with lecturers and current students and learn about the opportunities included in your degree.
- Test your skills as a nurse or paramedic in our nursing wards and emergency training labs, including a simulated ambulance and birthing suite.
- Step into the shoes of a law student, in our modern court room.
- Explore our state-of-the-art simulated learning experiences in our Skillshare simulation studios for social work and human services.
- Learn how to be a change agent with our psychology experts.
- Get a one-on-one career counselling session to help plan your future. It's free but places are limited so make sure to get there early to secure your spot.
- Sit back and relax to live music while you enjoy lunch from our food trucks.

[Find out more and register](#)

August 9: UniSQ Open Day 2025, Springfield

Organisation: University of Southern Queensland

Location: UniSQ Springfield Campus

Date: August 9, 2025

Open Day is the best way to get a feel for the campus, learn more about your study options, student clubs, sports teams, events, as well as finding out what it's really like to study at UniSQ.

- Chat one-on-one with lecturers and students and learn about the opportunities included in your degree.
- Get ready for take-off. Be immersed in live demonstrations of our flight simulator. You could even fly the simulator yourself - make sure you arrive early as there are limited spots.
- Tour our multi-million dollar engineering lab.
- Get up close with some of Australia's most unique wildlife with our wildlife and environmental science experts.
- Go behind the scenes and uncover how a live television show is produced or be a part of a live radio program in the studio.
- Heard of the new work order? Learn more with our Business Head of School and find out how we're preparing graduates for the future of business.

- Get a one-on-one career counselling session to help plan your future. It's free but places are limited so make sure to get there early to secure your spot.
- Sit back and relax to live music while you enjoy lunch from our food trucks.

[Find out more and register](#)

August 10: Griffith University Open Day 2025

Organisation: Griffith University

Location: Griffith Nathan & Gold Coast Campuses

Date: August 10, 2025

Spanning across Brisbane South (Nathan) and Gold Coast campuses, Open Day will showcase our world-class facilities, unique student life, and give you direct access to students and academics.

[Find out more and register](#)

August 16: Open Day 2025, Brisbane

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE Brisbane Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

We're opening the doors to the campus for our biggest event of the year – Open Day!

Come and tour our facilities, speak to faculty members, meet current students, and find out everything you need to know about studying at SAE.

If you're considering studying creative media, come along to SAE's Open Day to speak to our experienced team and learn how you can pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry.

[Find out more and register](#)

August 17: Open Day 2025, Gatton

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: UQ Gatton Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

Discover your passion for agricultural studies and animal sciences at UQ Gatton Open Day. Explore the heritage-listed campus and world-class facilities.

What to expect:

- Attend sessions to uncover your study area of interest and find out more about the degrees we offer.
- Enter a competition, grab some freebies, listen to live music, get hands-on in a workshop or come on a tour.
- Get to know UQ. Ask current students and teachers all your questions and find out about student life.

[Find out more and register](#)

August 17: Open Day 2025, Toowoomba

Organisation: University of Southern Queensland

Location: UniSQ Toowoomba Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

Open Day is the best way to get a feel for the campus, learn more about your study options, student clubs, sports teams, events, as well as finding out what it's really like to study at UniSQ.

- Take a tour around campus. Choose what facilities you'd like to explore based on your interests.

- Chat one-on-one with lecturers and current students and learn about your degree options.
- Get ready for take-off. Be immersed in live demonstrations of our flight simulator. You could even fly the simulator yourself - make sure you arrive early as there are limited spots.
- Tour our high-tech Agricultural precinct. Discover our hypersonic flow and rocket facilities and learn about the science behind driverless tractors and precision irrigation systems.
- Take part in an acting workshop and theatre making workshop with our School of Creative Arts.
- Get up close with some of Australia's most unique wildlife with our wildlife and environmental science experts.
- Take part in three Medicine Pathway activities. Learn about blood grouping, physiology, and suturing. Places are limited so make sure to get there early to secure your spot.
- Discover the world of rocket science and space engineering. Learn about the principles of flight as you create your own water rocket.
- Get a one-on-one career counselling session to help plan your future. It's free but places are limited so make sure to get there early to secure your spot.
- Sit back and relax to live music while you enjoy lunch from our food trucks.

[Find out more and register](#)

January 2026: National Youth Science Forum Year 12 Program

Organisation: National Youth Science Forum

Location: ANU Acton Campus & UQ St Lucia Campus

Date: January 6 to January 21, 2026

Are you in Year 11 in 2025? Apply now to join us in January!

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Year 12 Program gives students that are about to start Year 12 a broader understanding of study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Staying on campus at university colleges, students are immersed in science and technology.

Participants:

- participate in tours of science and technology facilities,
- learn about cutting-edge research,
- engage with industry partners and research providers,
- learn about university, training and STEM career pathways,
- mix with like-minded students their age from all over Australia,
- participate in social and team building activities, and
- network with former NYSF participants.

In January 2026, the NYSF Year 12 Program will run two summer sessions at:

- The Australian National University, Canberra (6 – 14 January 2026)
- The University of Queensland, Brisbane (13 – 21 January 2026)

As part of the application process, any students experiencing financial hardship or another disadvantage that negatively impacts their ability to attend the program may apply for an [NYSF Access and Equity Scholarship](#).

We also encourage students to seek financial support from NYSF's founding partner, Rotary. Many Rotary Clubs are familiar with the NYSF and able to offer some level of funding or assist students to fundraise to attend. You can use the [Rotary Club Finder](#) to search for your local Club.

Applications close 20 June 2025. You will be advised of the outcome of your application by mid-August.

[Find out more and register](#)

Scholarships

Bond University Excellence Scholarship

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Australia

Value: 50% tuition remission

Open Date: May 1, 2025

Close Date: August 28, 2025

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Co-op Program

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Australia

Value: Up to \$21,600 AUD per year

Open Date: May 1, 2025

Close Date: September 30, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Rookie Awards 2025

Organisation: The Rookies

Location: All

Value: See details

Open Date: April 7, 2025

Close Date: June 20, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Torrens University Australia Bright Awards

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Open Date: May 1, 2025

Close Date: August 18, 2025

[Find out more](#)

University

Adjustment factors explained

If you're heading into your final high school exams this year and thinking about university, you've probably been browsing courses. You might have also come across terms like "[ATAR cut-off](#)", "Selection Rank", and "adjustment factors".

But what do these mean, and how might they affect your chances of getting into your dream course? Don't stress - we'll explain everything you need to know about adjustment factors in this article. Let's get started.

Selection Rank vs ATAR

Your ATAR is a number that illustrates your overall academic performance when compared to everyone else in your year group across the whole country. It's simply a numerical value that universities use to easily see how your results compare to other Year 12 students.

So why do you sometimes see a minimum Selection Rank (SR) listed for a course instead of a minimum ATAR?

Well, each university is its own independent body, so they decide the minimum requirements for entry into their courses. And Selection Ranks are how they do this.

To calculate your SR, the university will take your ATAR (a set number that will never change), then add any adjustment factors - formerly called bonus points - that they think you're eligible for. The final total equals your Selection Rank.

To put it super simply, **ATAR + adjustment factors = SR.**

How to universities set Selection Ranks?

Each year, universities set the minimum SR for each course based on a few key factors, such as:

- the number of places available (the quota),
- how many people apply, and/or
- the overall competitiveness of applicants.

Because of this, the minimum SR required for entry to a course can change from one year to the next. These thresholds aren't set in advance, so when you're researching courses, last year's minimum should only be used as a general guide, not a guarantee.

And if your ATAR is slightly lower than the published SR, don't fret - you could be eligible for adjustment factors that will make up the difference.

Adjustment factors: What are they?

Now let's talk adjustment factors. These are the little pots of gold, the points that are added to your ATAR which make up your selection rank.

Adjustment factors exist to make the playing field more equal, ensuring that students who are at a disadvantage or who go the extra mile during their studies are given the best chance of securing a spot in their chosen course.

There are lots of reasons you might receive adjustment factors, including:

- Performance in certain subjects
- Living in a rural or remote area
- Coming from a low-SES background
- Diversity
- Through schemes such as the [Educational Access Scheme](#) (EAS)
- Elite athletes and performers

Remember, these bonus points **don't actually change your final ATAR** - they are applied individually by different institutions, and are only taken into account during applications.

How do I access adjustment factors?

Some adjustment factors are added automatically when you submit an application, so you don't need to do a thing. Others require a separate application (such as EAS).

While one university might award you adjustment factors for certain things, another university might not.

As selection rank adjustments vary between institutions, and even between courses at the same university, it's always worth checking the specific criteria for each before applying. The most reliable place to get information is from the universities themselves, so check on the course requirement pages, contact future students, or attend open days or information sessions.

You can also check with QTAC about which adjustment factors will be applied automatically and which ones you'll need to apply for.

Which universities offer adjustment factors?

Want to know if your chosen university offers adjustment factors? The good news is pretty much all of them do. We've gathered links for each university across Australia so you can find out more.

Adjustment factors in New South Wales

- [Australian Catholic University](#)
- [Charles Darwin University](#)
- [CQUniversity](#)
- [Charles Sturt University](#)
- [La Trobe University](#) (they have a [calculator](#) to help you see how many points you might be eligible for)
- [Macquarie University](#) (they also have a [calculator](#) to help you see how many points you might be eligible for)
- [UAC Educational Access Scheme](#)
- [University of New South Wales](#)
- [University of Newcastle](#)
- [University of Notre Dame Australia](#)
- [University of Sydney](#)
- [University of Technology Sydney](#)
- [University of Wollongong](#)
- [Western Sydney University](#)

Adjustment factors in the Australian Capital Territory

- [Australian Catholic University](#)
- [Australian National University](#)
- [Charles Sturt University](#)
- [UAC Educational Access Scheme](#)
- [University of Canberra](#)
- [University of New South Wales](#)

Adjustment factors in Victoria

- [Australian Catholic University](#)
- [CQUniversity](#)
- [Charles Sturt University](#)
- [Deakin University](#)
- [Federation University](#)
- [La Trobe University](#) (they have a [calculator](#) to help you see how many points you might be eligible for)
- [Monash University](#) (they also have a [calculator](#) to help you see how many points you might be eligible for)
- [RMIT University](#)

- [Swinburne University of Technology](#)
- [University of Melbourne](#)
- [Victoria University](#)
- [VTAC Special Entry Access Scheme](#)

Adjustment factors in Queensland

- [Australian Catholic University](#)
- [Bond University](#)
- [CQUniversity](#)
- [Griffith University](#)
- [James Cook University](#)
- [Queensland University of Technology](#)
- [QTAC Assistance Schemes](#)
- [University of Queensland](#)
- [University of Southern Queensland](#)
- [University of the Sunshine Coast](#)

Adjustment factors in South Australia

- [Adelaide University](#)
- [Flinders University](#)
- [SATAC Adjustment Factor Schemes](#)

Adjustment factors in Western Australia

- [Edith Cowan University](#)
- [Curtin University](#)
- [Murdoch University](#)
- [TISC Tertiary Entrance Aggregate](#)
- [University of Notre Dame Australia](#)
- [University of Western Australia](#)

Adjustment factors in the Northern Territory

- [Charles Darwin University](#)
- [SATAC Adjustment Factor Schemes](#)

Adjustment factors in Tasmania

- [University of Tasmania](#)

Find out more

If you want to know more about adjustment factors, the best thing to do is get in touch with the university directly. They will be able to tell you exactly what you can earn bonus points for and whether or not a separate application is necessary.

You can also contact your state or territory's Tertiary Admissions Centre (TAC), as they are also responsible for issuing some adjustment factors.

[We also have heaps more tips and blogs on university applications on our website here.](#)

Job Spotlights

[How to become a Publisher](#)

Publishers plan and oversee the printing and distribution of written materials, including books, magazines, newspapers, and articles. They act as the bridge between writers and the public, making their work accessible and promoting it.

If you have a creative streak and eye for business, and you are persistent and an excellent communicator, then a career as a publisher could be worth exploring.

What skills do I need as a publisher?

- Good attention to detail
- Organised & efficient
- Great time management
- Excellent communicator
- Diplomatic & fair
- Great collaborator
- Digitally literate
- Adaptable & flexible

What does the job involve?

- Liaising with writers & editors
- Making final checks to works
- Negotiating contracts & deals
- Collaborating with designers & printers
- Preparing promotional materials
- Keeping track of timelines & budgets
- Organising & attend publicity events
- Managing relationships with vendors

What industries do publishers typically work in?

- Arts & Recreation Services
- Information Media & Telecommunications
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services

What Career Cluster do publishers belong to?

Publishers are primarily [Linkers](#), passionate about connecting books with readers. They essentially act as a "link" between the author and the reader - without a publisher, authors might struggle to have their work found, while readers might struggle to find books they love. They also use some skills from the [Coordinator](#) Cluster, particularly when it comes to managing schedules and budgets.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

As a publisher, you can expect most of your work to be done during regular business hours, but you might work some overtime to meet deadlines. Most publishers work full-time, but there are occasionally opportunities for part-time work too.

Most publishers earn an average wage over the course of their careers.

A lot of your work will be done indoors, either in an office environment or potentially even from home.

How to become a publisher

While formal qualifications aren't strictly necessary to work in publishing, they can boost your employability. Work experience and internships are both highly regarded, and are a great way to make connections for future potential job opportunities.

- Finish high school with a focus on English and Maths.
- Consider completing a relevant tertiary qualification, typically in communications or arts.
- If possible, undertake an internship with a publishing house. If not, find entry-level jobs and start building your practical experience and networks.
- Think about specialising in a particular area of publishing. There are many to choose from, including:
 - Advertising & Marketing
 - Contracts & Rights
 - Design
 - Distribution
 - Editing
 - Production & Printing
 - Sales
- With enough experience, you might like to start your own publishing business.

What can I do right now to work towards this career?

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if becoming a publisher is right for you, here are a few things you could do right now:

- Find work experience with a publishing firm or other creative business to get a feel for what the industry is like and make important future contacts.
- Do some research into the industry and think about which style of works you'd like to publish (e.g. fiction, non-fiction, magazines, etc.).
- Talk to a publisher to see what their job involves. If you don't know anyone, try to find videos or documentaries instead.

Where can I find more information?

- [Australian Publishing Association](#)
- [Publishers Association of New Zealand | Te Rau o Tākupu](#)
- [Publishers Association](#) (UK)
- [Association of American Publishers](#)
- [Canadian Publishers' Council](#)

Similar careers to publisher

- [Editor](#)
- [Writer](#)
- [Librarian](#)
- [Journalist](#)
- [Copywriter](#)
- Advertising Manager
- [Curator](#)
- [Social Media Manager](#)

Find out more about alternative careers on [our Job Spotlights page](#).