

Fri 12 Sep 2025

Term 3 Week 9

## Calendar Reminders

15-19 Sep	Year 11-12 exam shutdown
17 Sep	GCTC Currumbin Graduation
22 Sep	<b>Ergon Energex</b> Pre-Apprentice 2026 program application closing date
30 Sep	SCU Early Offer Program closing date
20 Sep-5 Oct	Qld School Holidays
6 Oct	King's Birthday Public Holiday
7 Oct	Day 1 Term 4
20-23 Oct	Term 4 Group D Sampling Program
27 Oct	Start Year 12 External Exams

### USI for VET applications

High school students, graduates and adult learners need a Unique Student Identifier to enrol in, and (after completion), be issued your qualification in Australia.

Visit [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au) to create or update your account.

Year 12s visit your USI account online; update your personal and email details (for currency) before Term 4. Thank you.

**Good luck for exams.**  
**Safe and happy holidays to all.**

**Rachel Skrabanich**  
**INDUSTRY LIAISON OFFICER**

## Link and Launch

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Kerri supports Yr 12 graduates with Year 13 planning and applications for training, employment, or other programs. Information available [here](#).

## GCESS

**Employment Support Services**

**Supporting Inclusive Employment Opportunities:**

Pimpama | Upper Coomera | Arundel | Southport | Nerang | Mt  
Tamborine | Robina | Miami | Palm Beach | Coolangatta

<https://www.gcess.org/>

**Merrimac State High School**  
**Industry Liaison Officer**

## WEBPAGE

Visit this location to access information and resources for senior secondary or Year 13 student and community events, planning, and preparation tools from government, not for profit, tertiary providers, local business and more.

## Job Board

(Alphabetical Weblinks - click for access)

- Apprenticeship Central
- Aurora Training Institute (SATs)
- Australian Defence Force Careers
- Australian Government Career Pathways
- Australian Vocational Academy (SATs)
- Busy at Work Apprenticeships
- CTA Training Specialists
- Electrogrouop
- Energy Queensland
- Fulton Hogan
- Gold Coast Airport Careers
- Gold Coast City Council Apprentice, Trainee, and Graduate Academy programs
- IHG Hotels and Resorts
- MAS National
- MEGT Apprenticeships
- Motor Trades Association of Qld (MTAQ)
- OSMAC Apprenticeships
- Queensland Government Job Vacancies
- Qld Local Council Job Vacancies
- Qld Police Service Recruiting
- Queensland Rail
- Reece Group School-based Trainees
- Riviera Australia Apprenticeship Jan 2026
- The Star Gold Coast Apprentice Chef Nov 2025
- Translink Careers
- Village Roadshow Careers
- Workforce Australia
- Your Career – School Leaver Information Kit

CONTACT **Ms Skrabanich** ILO Merrimac SHS [via email](#)

## Vocational Education and Training in Schools

### • VETiS funded Certificate I or II courses

Funded pre-apprentice-trainee OHS and skills introduction before committing to higher level fee for service study or school-based apprentice-trainee applications.

### • VET fee for service Cert III, IV or Diploma courses:

Delivery and location of courses vary and follow.

Off campus – one day per week studies 12-24 months  
Attend school 4 days per week.

Online homework between lessons

### • Online

Some virtual programs have weekly trainer Microsoft Teams meetings while others are online unit completion with trainer contact via email.

### • On Campus

Training providers may have agreements to deliver courses with different school campus locations, set times during their school timetable and calendar year. The school provides the location, the training provider delivers the course and issues the qualification.

### • School-based Apprentice or Traineeships

Shared to Apprentice Connect Australia Providers (ACAPs) **Job Board** and sent directly to school ILO or Career team members to forward to senior student and parent emails.

Other RTO or Employers directly contact schools with current vacancies via email for share to the senior student community.

### Check student school and parent emails weekly:

Just this week I had students miss interview and trials for school-based traineeships because they did not check the email inbox (and junk folders) included in their applications, plus, complete the RSVP to those events or offers.

Suggestion: Check emails start, middle and end of each week.

## Apply online to start 2026

### TAFE QLD GOLD COAST SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Have your USI ready!
- Visit <https://tafeapply.com/>
- Enter Code (noted in your course flyer)
- Complete step-by-step online application

*COURSE FLYER sent to emails 24 August*