**Employment**

**How do I find a job with good employment prospects?**

Take the following factors into account when looking for a job with good employment prospects:

- **Number of people** - The more people employed in an occupation, the more likely there will be jobs in every location.
- **Employment growth** – Projected growth information can indicate how many additional jobs there are likely to be in the future.
- **Skills shortages** – These indicate good opportunities in an occupation for people with the skills and experience needed. Shortages vary by location and change over time.
- **Job turnover** - This is the annual percentage of employees who move out of the occupation into other occupations, retirement or unemployment plus employees who change jobs within the same occupation. Turnover creates opportunities in all occupations when employees need to be replaced.

**What are employers looking for?**

The findings of a Department of Employment survey of employers’ recruitment experiences suggests that, for school leavers, they are looking for:

- **Experience** – through work experience, voluntary work or transitional jobs (jobs you get before the job you really want), part-time work, internships. Experience is essential for some jobs.
- **Employability skills** – team work and communication, work ethic, reliability and motivation, Creative thinking and problem solving, Personal presentation and organisation. You need to be able to demonstrate these to employers (i.e. tell them when you used these skills and how successful they were)
- **A Good Application** – Research the job and business, tailor each application to the job, pay attention to spelling and grammar. You are unlikely to get an interview and keep a job if you don’t display these traits.
- **Education and training** – complete Year 12 and gain a post-school qualification. Depending on the job you are seeking, Pre-apprenticeship Certificates, Certificates III and IV, Diplomas and Degrees open the door to more job opportunities.
**Holiday Programs**

**NIDA holiday short courses**

NIDA is running several short programs over the coming holiday period:

- **Acting Boot Camp, Grades 11-12** Saturday 18 January - Sunday 19 January 2020 at Queensland Academies Creative Industries (QACI) Brisbane.
- **NIDA Acting 101, Grades 11 – 12** Monday 6 January- Friday 10 January 2020 at St Laurence’s College Brisbane
- **TV Presenting 101, Grades 11 – 12** Saturday 11 January – Sunday 12 January 2020 at St Laurence’s College Brisbane
- **Screen Actors Society, Grades 11 – 12** Monday 13 January – Friday 17 January 2020 at Queensland Academies Creative Industries (QACI) Brisbane.

**UQ summer high school language program**

The UQ Institute of Modern Languages (IML) invites 2020 Year 11 & 12 students studying Chinese, French, German, Japanese and Spanish to enrol in the 2020 IML Summer High School Enrichment Program delivered at The University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus. These courses are suitable for students who wish to enrich their knowledge of the language and culture they have been studying in previous years, and practice their language skills over the summer holidays.

The courses will be held between 13 - 17 January 2020 from 9:00am - 12:30pm (Mon- Thurs), 9:00am - 3:00pm (Friday). Early Bird - $295, Full Fee - $320 and early bird applications close on Monday 16 December 2019. [Click here](#) to apply.

**The Hotel School Brisbane Open Day**

Start exploring how you can be a part of a thriving industry and enjoy a global career in the hotel and tourism industry by attending their Open Day on Wednesday 22 January, 2020. You will be given the opportunity to meet staff and fellow students, discuss the courses in detail and take a tour of the newly renovated CBD campus. [Click here](#) to register.

**Competitions**

**Lions Youth of the Year competition**

Interested in leadership and community service? If so, why not investigate the [Lions Youth of the Year](#). This is a project of Lions Clubs International of Australia. It is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and taking an active role in the community. Students between the ages of 15 – 19 are welcome to apply.

If you have any further questions, please contact [Matt Reid](#)