



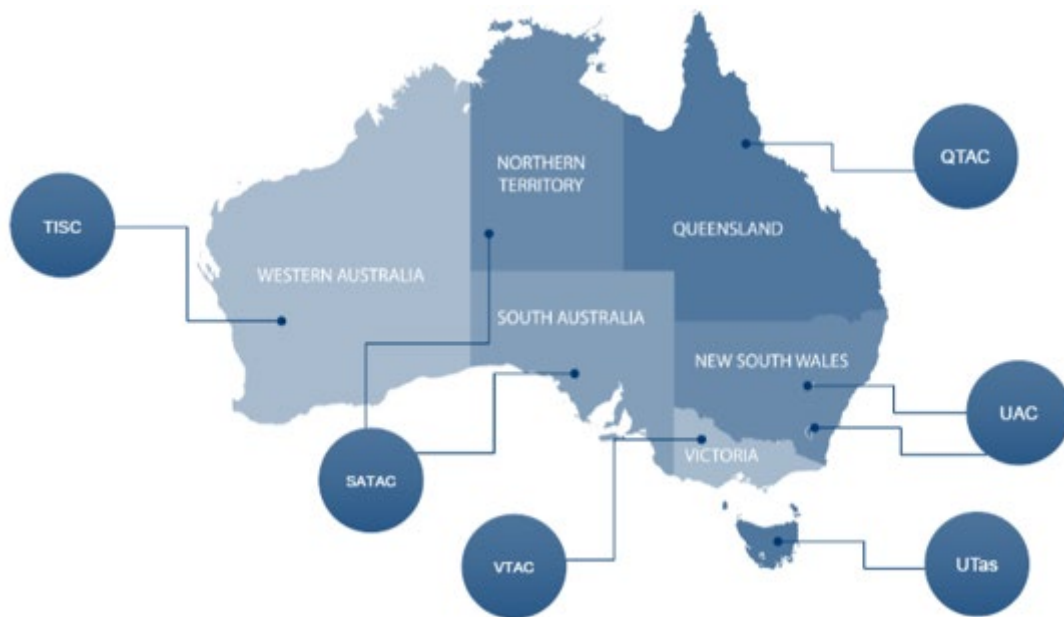
BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

KEY INFORMATION FOR UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

The following is a summary of key information for Year 12 university applications in 2021.

Admissions Centres

Admissions centres for each state are summarised below.



Admissions Centre	State	Website	Applications Open
QTAC	Queensland	https://www.qtac.edu.au/	Open
UAC	New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory	https://www.uac.edu.au/	Open
UTas	Tasmania	https://www.utas.edu.au/undergraduate-study/school-leaver	Open
VTAC	Victoria	https://www.vtac.edu.au/	Open
SATAC	South Australia & Northern Territory	https://www.satac.edu.au/	Open
TISC	Western Australia	https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/home.tisc	Open

* Check websites for application closing dates.

Tertiary Applications

Order of preferencing

It is very important to consider the order of your preferred courses as part of your application. You will receive one offer in your highest eligible preference. Use the table below to assist with your preference ordering.

Preference	Description	Summary
1	Desired courses – the courses you want to study the most	Your dream course
2		Your second-best course
3	Back up courses – the courses you'd be happy to study	A course with similar subjects to your dream course, which could give you credit if you transfer into your dream course later (though you would be happy to complete this course if that doesn't happen)
4		Similar to Preference 3 and traditionally less competitive than your higher preferences
5	Pathway courses – the courses that help you upgrade to what you really want to study	A course in a similar field to Preferences 1 and 2 that may not have credit options and is less competitive than your higher preferences
6		A broad course which will allow you to apply for further study later on

** Preferences can be changed after you lodge your application (even after an offer is made). You receive three (3) free changes as part of your QTAC application.*

If you are applying for courses with different offer rounds, you will need to order them according to the offer round date. The QTAC website can provide more information on [ordering preferences](#).

Adding preferences to your QTAC application

You will be asked to add preferences under *Course Preferences*. Add preferences using the following steps:

1. Search for the course/s you want or insert the QTAC course code.
2. When you've found a course, select Add.
3. You can add, delete, edit or reorder your preferences. Make sure you order them as per the month of the offer round date.
4. Once you've put all your courses in the order you want, select Continue.

Information to Consider

Course information

Be mindful of the key course information when making your decision. This includes entry thresholds (i.e., ATAR/Selection Rank), prerequisite subjects, application requirements, course location, dates of offer rounds and course start dates.

Closing dates

Make sure you have your application confirmed by the relevant closing date. Certain degrees have special entry criteria (e.g., portfolio, audition, interview or personal statement). You will not be accepted if you do not apply by the fixed closing date.

Educational Access Scheme

The [Educational Access Scheme](#) (EAS) applies adjustment points to your rank to help you compete more equitably for an offer if your studies have been negatively affected by circumstances beyond your control. Categories include financial hardship, home environment and responsibility, English language difficulties, personal illness or disability and educational disruption. To apply for EAS you must submit a completed cover sheet together with relevant supporting documents for each category you apply for.

Other tertiary study options

Consider other tertiary study options as part of your six (6) preferences. They may include: less competitive degrees (i.e., lower entry thresholds), courses at different university campuses, and combined diplomas/degrees (i.e., by applying for entry into a Diploma and passing your course, you may receive guaranteed entry into the Bachelor course and get credit for study done so far).

Responding to an Offer

Offer rounds

There are multiple offer rounds for tertiary courses.

Finding your offer

You will receive an email and SMS from QTAC with details of your offer. Ensure you respond to your offer by the date/time specified on your offer letter to prevent the offer from expiring.

Responding to your offer

To review and respond to your offer, login to your QTAC account and go to the Offers tab. Offer [response options](#) include:

- Accept
- Defer – available for some courses. Check [here](#) for institution deferment policies
- Conditionally accept
 - With no change of preference – if you only want to be considered for your current higher preferences
 - With change of preference – if you want to rearrange current preferences or add new ones (make sure they are ordered as per the major offer round date) before responding to your original offer
- Reject

If No Offer is Received

Common reasons

Students may not receive offers because:

- They did not meet entry requirements
- Their ATAR/Selection Rank did not meet the entry cut-off
- They did not pay their QTAC application fee
- They ordered their preferences incorrectly
- They applied after the due date or too close to an offer round and QTAC could not assess their application on time.

What to do

If you don't receive an offer because you didn't meet the entry requirements, consider:

- Changing your preferences – check [course vacancies](#) via the QTAC website
- Pathway options – enabling programs, bridging courses, tertiary study
- Ring QTAC and have a conversation (Phone: 1300 467 822).