



OLSCC CAREERS NEWSLETTER

COMING UP!!

Year 12 SBA Employer Thank You Lunch

Students in year 12 who have an SBA/T will be attending their SBA Employer Thank You Lunch.

When: Thursday 23 October
Where: Russell Hotel, Dalby
Time: 12.30pm (students are to meet Mrs Boland and Mr Garside at the bus collection zone at the College)
Uniform: Full Formal Uniform (incl ties and polished shoes)
Transport: Students will be transported by College Coach

Year 9 Micro Skills

On **Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 November**, year 9 Students will meet Mr Garside and Mrs Boland in the **College Chapel** in **period 4a & 4b** to register for their USI number and their QCAA student portal account. During these sessions students will be advised of events and courses in 2026.

Please ensure you bring the following with you:

- laptops
- medicare card
- birth certificate or passport
- personal email address

GENERAL INFORMATION

STUDENT RESUMES

If your child/ren would like assistance in compiling their resume or writing a cover letter, please email Mrs Boland for assistance, especially for students who are about to graduate or for younger students wishing to apply for casual employment after school or on holidays.

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2025 COURSE DATES

- **OCTOBER 16**
BMO VISIT, 11/12 BUSINESS CLASS
- **OCTOBER 23**
YEAR 12 SBA EMPLOYER THANK YOU LUNCH
- **NOVEMBER 24-25**
YEAR 9 MICRO SKILLS, MYQCE PORTAL & USI



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GENERAL INFORMATION (CONT.)

Head Start Programs at Universities

Head Start is a program offered by select universities to provide students in grades 10 to 12 to start a chosen university course while still at school. Locally, The University of Southern Queensland offer a program that is called Head Start while the Queensland University of Technology offers a program called Start QUT. These are both excellent programs that past and current students have attended with some excellent results and outcomes for individual students. With these programs available for current students, many considerations need to be taken before students decide to enrol in one of these programs.

These programs provide students with a taste of university study. In some cases, the first Head Start course is free and can provide credit towards a related university degree. These programs can also provide students with credit points towards a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). In some cases, for future university students, early entry is gained into a university course at the university it has been offered. There is also a financial benefit with some courses being offered that are free or at a reduced cost compared to that of a full-time university student. While the benefits of the Head Start courses are numerous, there are also many challenges that need to be considered before a student commits to a subject at university.

When students enrol in a Head Start program, the learning is at a university level and adult style learning and can be a challenge for school students. It also needs to be explained that students are enrolled at the university and while the College will support the students with time to study at school, the College has no input into lessons, assessment requirements and standards set by the university. Taking on a Head Start subject in year 11 or 12 can also be a demanding challenge where students who are currently enrolled in six subjects at school whilst attempting to complete a seventh university subject at the same time. While these programs have many benefits as pointed out, it can be a very academically demanding period for the student involved.

Currently, we have been offering students in year 10, semester two, an opportunity to enrol in a Head Start subject as the students timetable and subjects are more flexible. We have had recent success with this as is evident with current year 10 student, Lainey Eisenmenger completing a Head Start Subject at UniSQ at an academic credit level. Currently we have other year 10 students enrolled in first year biomedical subjects.

If you are considering enrolling your current senior student in a Head Start program, please discuss this with the Careers Team or Mr Rodney Spain regarding the benefits and challenges around these academic pursuits.

Dean Garside
Career Development Practitioner

*"Success is not about the destination, but the journey of constant growth."
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