



The Rockhampton
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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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If you or your child have any questions about Vocational Education and Training, Work Experience or Career pathways, you can book an appointment on the RGS Careers Website.

[RGS Careers Website](#)

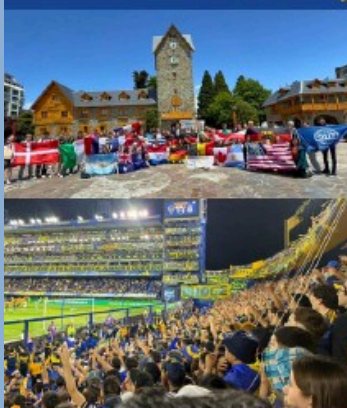
You can also find lots of valuable information including upcoming events and current job opportunities on the website.

Miss Chase Osland



**Head of Vocational Education
& Careers**

rotary
youth
exchange



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

**Spend 12 weeks in Argentina
from Oct/Nov 2026**

Students in **Years 10-12** in the **Rockhampton** area are invited to apply for this opportunity to immerse themselves in a new culture and way of life by living in a host family and attending school in the diverse country of Argentina.

The Rotary Club of Rockhampton North has a long-standing relationship with a sister Club in Argentina and is looking to further that relationship by supporting a reciprocal Short-Term student exchange.

This opportunity suits an open-minded student with an interest in traveling abroad, learning a new language (Spanish) and expanding their leadership skills.

Please submit an Expression of Interest via:

ryea.org.au/apply-today

and include 'Rocky Scholarship Application' in the Questions box. More information and application instructions provided on submission.

Then, register for the Online Information Session:

10:00am AEST Sat, 7 February 2026

All applications must be finalised
before **15 March 2026**

rye.step@rotary9560.org

[Rotary Youth Exchange - D9560](#)

[@rye_9560](#)



Note: Alternative host countries available without scholarship support. Same application process applies.



CAREERS WORK EXPERIENCE

GAIN EXPERIENCE!

2026 Opportunities for Year 10, 11 and 12

Students may undertake a maximum of 30 days work experience per year. Placements are subject to availability, with each application considered carefully; however, only some applications are successful. Many quality work experience providers are fully booked out early in the year so those students leaving requests until close to the application due date may miss out due to lack of available places. Students that source their own work experience placement are more likely to proceed. The Secondary School Office may assist students that are unsuccessful sourcing their own placement.

Not all employers provide work experience opportunities and are not required to do so. Similarly, some employers offer very limited work experience and/or expressions of interest are called for once per year. The following work experience dates outline when applications must be submitted by, as well as the dates available for placement. Please adhere to these dates to avoid disappointment.

2026 Work Experience Dates

Term 1

- 7 April – 17 April 2026 (school holidays) - **Year 10, 11 and 12**
Applications for this term are due on or before 3.50pm on **Friday 13 March 2026**

Term 2

- 22 June – 26 June 2026 (last week of Term 2) – **Year 10 only**
NOTE: Work experience in the last week of term cannot be conducted on neighbouring properties.
- 29 June – 13 July 2026 (school holidays) - **Year 10, 11 and 12**
Applications for this term are due on or before 3.50pm on **Friday 29 May 2026**

Term 3

- 14 September – 5 October 2026 (school holidays) - **Year 10, 11 and 12**
NOTE: 100EP takes precedence over work experience.
Applications for this term are due on or before 3.50pm on **Friday 21 August 2026**

Term 4

- 16 November – 24 November 2026 - **Year 10, 11 and 12**
NOTE: By application only by those with local SAT opportunity and in consultation with Head of Year and Head of VET. Students must attend Secondary School Speech Day on Wednesday 25 November.
- 27 November – 4 December 2026 (school holidays) - **Year 10, 11 only**
Applications for this term are due on or before 3.50pm on **Friday 16 October 2026**

NOTE: This period covers the mandated WorkCover Insurance requirements for all schools; hence why all Work Experience placements must be pre-approved and documented by the School.

Work experience application forms are now electronic and available via the **Student Cafe and Parent Lounge**.

Applications are to be submitted to the SSO in person or via email workexperience@rgs.qld.edu.au. All work experience must be approved and organised a minimum of 3 weeks prior to starting.

Please review the Frequently Asked Questions, and direct work experience queries to the Secondary School Office or Miss Chase Osland (07 4936 0660 or workexperience@rgs.qld.edu.au).



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Regional Medical Pathway Information Sessions

The Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine) welcomes school leavers, offering 20 places at both the CQUniversity Rockhampton and Bundaberg campuses. This innovative course ensures successful applicants a provisional direct entry pathway into The University of Queensland's Regional Doctor of Medicine program. Join us for an informative evening as we provide comprehensive details of the course. We'll cover everything from the application process to regional adjustment points and the benefits of studying and practising medicine in a regional setting. Featuring special guest speakers from CQUniversity and the University of Queensland.

Events

Bundaberg - Monday, 30 March, CQUniversity Bundaberg Campus
4.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Rockhampton - Wednesday, 1 April, CQUniversity Rockhampton Campus
4.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Online - Thursday, 2 April
4.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Registrations will open soon. For enquiries please contact [Future Students](#).



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How to make the most of open days and career expos

With an ever-increasing number of options – from study area to degree type to institution – comes the challenge of knowing which path is the right one.

Open days and career expos are perfect opportunities to assess your options and get the answers you need to make the best choice for you.

Here are a few ways you can ensure you make the most of open day season.

Know your strengths (and weaknesses)

Think about your strengths, weaknesses, skills, and aptitude in specific study areas.

Plan your day

Most universities offer campus tours, and it is worth taking up the offer.

Keep an open mind

Some institutions may have courses you've never heard of before but suit you perfectly.

Know what's important to you

What do you value most in a university? Do you want to study interstate or close to home?

Ask as many questions as possible

Speak to current students, take the chance to meet the lecturers and academics and find out as much as you can about how the institution and programs might fit you.



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Save the date!

Students in Years 10, 11, and 12 are encouraged to monitor school communications for details on how to register their interest in attending the Capricorn Mega Careers Expo.

Students who register their interest will be required to obtain parental consent.

RGS Parental Consent

Permission for this activity will be provided via the RGS Parent Lounge. Further instructions on how to complete this process will be communicated closer to the event date.

Capricorn Mega Careers Expo

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May 2026

From To
9:00am 2:00pm AEST

Location
CQUniversity Community Sports Centre,
Rockhampton North
25/554-700 Yaamba Road,
Norman Gardens QLD 4701

Who is this event for / type of event
Information Session

Join us at the Capricorn MEGA Careers Expo 2026

CQUniversity is excited to be partnering with Advance Rockhampton, Rockhampton Manufacturing Hub, and Workforce Australia to deliver the Capricorn MEGA Careers Expo in 2025.

The Capricorn MEGA Careers Expo is a free event, offering a unique opportunity for anyone interested in starting, changing, or upgrading their career, and is open to local schools and the general public. Bringing together a wide range of exhibitors including tertiary education institutes, apprenticeship and traineeship providers, resource and civil construction organisations, and an array of local businesses. It's your chance to engage with the future workforce.

To find out more about this event or register your business or school's attendance, email the [Future Students team](#).



CAREERS APPRENTICESHIPS



**Deadly Start
Program 2026**



Enrolment Applications Now Open!

Enrol Now

Places are limited, so secure your students today, by completing the application form now!

The Deadly Start Program is more than a qualification, it's a culturally safe, school-based career pathway into the healthcare sector for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. If you have students who have completed an EOI they will need to complete this application.

Here's how it works:

Lay The Foundations (Semester 1, 2026)

Year 11 students complete the HLT23221 Certificate II in Health Support Services, laying the foundation with skills in communication, infection control, and workplace safety— all while studying for their QCE.

Earn while you Learn! (July 2025 – June 2026)

Eligible students transition into a paid school-based traineeship with Queensland Health, working 1 day per week at a local health facility while training toward their Certificate III in Health Services Assistance.

Throughout the 18-month program, students receive ongoing cultural mentorship and support, and are employed in real hospital settings across one of 16 Queensland Health and Hospital Services (HHSs), from Torres Strait Islands to the Gold Coast and everywhere in between.

For more details or to discuss how this program can benefit your students, please contact us at traineeships@connectngrow.edu.au or call 1300 283 662.



CAREERS APPRENTICESHIPS



Start your career journey with a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SATs) enable you to work and train towards a recognised qualification, while you complete your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or equivalent.

How does the SAT journey begin?

Before you can get started, there are four key stakeholders involved in your school-based apprenticeship or traineeship: your school, your employer, the Queensland government (DTET) and your supervising registered training organisation.

1. **School:** You'll need to gain approval from the school. We will work with your employer and registered training organisation to create your training schedule. In order to fit your SAT around your school studies, some of your paid employment and/or training will become part of your school timetable.
2. **Employer:** Once you've chosen your course, you will need to find an employer you can complete your apprenticeship or traineeship through. An employer can be found through your family or friends, by contacting businesses directly, using internet job search engines such as Seek.
3. **Queensland Government:** They oversee the funding and compliance of your SAT.
4. **Your Supervising Registered Training Organisation** will help provide you with the knowledge, skills and training to drive you towards your career destination.



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JOB SPOTLIGHT

How to become a Marine Technician

Complete a trade qualification in mechanical fitting, engineering, electrical work, or refrigeration and air conditioning through an apprenticeship. This gives you the foundational technical skills needed for marine work. Gain general technical experience in your trade area, then complete additional training in marine-specific systems, diesel engines, or marine electronics through short courses or vocational qualifications in marine engineering technology.

Obtain maritime certifications and safety training relevant to the vessel types and regions where you want to work. Requirements vary depending on vessel size and operation type.

Start with entry-level positions on smaller vessels or in port-based maintenance roles, building your experience with different marine systems before moving to larger vessels or more specialised technical positions.

What skills do I need as a Marine Technician?

- Strong mechanical aptitude, Excellent problem-solver
- Attention to detail, Adaptable and resourceful
- Good communicator, Physically capable
- Self-motivated, independent, Calm under pressure



What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as a Marine Technician, here are some practical steps:

- Pursue a trade apprenticeship in mechanical fitting, electrical work, or refrigeration to build core technical skills
- Look for casual work or volunteer opportunities at marinas, boat clubs, or with marine maintenance companies to gain exposure to the industry
- Talk to Marine Technicians, yacht crew, or marina managers about their work and the pathways into marine technical roles



CAREERS EMPLOYMENT

Rockhampton Regional Council has officially launched a dedicated Careers Page.

This initiative is designed to strengthen our connection with the community and highlight the diverse career opportunities available within Council. Whether individuals are commencing their careers, seeking advancement, or re-entering the workforce, our Careers Page provides valuable resources to support their journey.

We encourage parents and students aged 16 and over to monitor this page for updates on apprenticeships and traineeships, which offer excellent pathways to meaningful employment.

By following our Careers Page, you will gain access to:

- Current vacancies across Council
- Practical application and interview tips
- Insights into Council operations
- Inspiring staff stories and achievements

Please visit and share our Facebook page to help spread the word:

Click link to the Careers at Rockhampton Regional Council Facebook page [here](#).

Human Skills

What Makes Human Skills special?

Human Skills are special because they:

Are used in all jobs and can transfer between roles and workplaces

Can be learned, developed, and improved

Differ from technical skills and personal qualities

Can't be replaced by technology, and are becoming more important as technology rapidly evolves

Human Skills

For example...

Technical Skills

- Umpiring a sport
- Driving a car
- Writing an essay
- Editing videos
- Speaking another language
- Coding or building a website

Human Skills

- Communication and Collaboration
- Analytical and Critical Thinking
- Problem-solving
- Digital Literacy
- Adaptability and Resilience
- Customer Obsession

Personal Qualities

- Honesty
- Patience
- Curiosity
- Friendliness
- Dependability
- Conscientiousness

What age can a child start work in QLD?

In Queensland, the minimum age for employment is 13 years. However, children aged 11 to 12 can work under specific conditions, such as delivering newspapers or advertising materials, but not between 6 PM and 6 AM.



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ACTIVE VOLUNTEERING

CHC14015 Certificate I in Active Volunteering

In Year 10, all RGS students are required to undertake CHC14015 Certificate I in Active Volunteering. The total cost of this course is \$200 including the \$60 for HLTAID010 Provide basic emergency life support, which is a unit of competency within the certificate. The cost of CHC14015 Certificate I in Active Volunteering will be added to students' school fee accounts in 2026.

Active volunteering is crucial for students

It builds essential life and career skills (communication, leadership, problem-solving), boosts mental well-being and confidence, enhances academic engagement by applying knowledge, fosters empathy and social responsibility, and provides practical experience that strengthens resumes and career readiness. It connects classroom learning to real-world impact, helping students discover purpose and build valuable networks.





CAREERS INSIGHT



A career in construction means being part of something big

A career in construction is hard to beat for opportunities to progress, try new things and quickly reap rewards from hard work. With more than 70 career options available and an endless combination of pathways into the industry, what could your career in construction look like?

Kickstart your construction career

From building roads and bridges to designing and constructing skyscrapers, construction offers a variety of rewarding career paths.

It's more than just hard hats!

Explore 70+ Careers

For more information visit
Construction Pathways [website](#)

