



Hello from Margo



Welcome to our first quarterly newsletter! USQ is proud to introduce GO USQ, a quick and easy medium for staff at high schools and career advisors from other organisations to stay in touch with USQ.

The yearly Guidance Officer Day and our regular mail outs don't always provide enough opportunity to keep principals, teachers, guidance officers and careers advisers up to date with the latest changes, opportunities and events. This newsletter can provide information that can work as a starting point for your communications with students and parents. Feel free to copy any of the information included in this newsletter for your own publications.

This edition includes: an insight to this year's USQ Open Day in Toowoomba on 15 August; our new Scholarships

program; National Science Week; and some postgraduate study options in the field of Education that might be of interest.

My team has been very busy with road shows, career expos, and school visits in the past few months – and probably so have you. If you would like to book a campus tour or a school visit from the Schools Promotion team in September, October or November, please let us know.

We are also keen to provide information on career options and related topics for parents. If there is an opportunity at your school to be involved or deliver a key note speech at a parent information night please don't hesitate to contact us. One of our psychologists from Student Services, a Student Ambassador or a member from our team would also be more than happy to assist.

I would also like to encourage your feedback and questions. This newsletter needs to cover the things you like to know more about and to give you access to the people and information you need to make your job easier. It would be great if you could email some questions or topics you would like to discuss in the next edition. Contacting us is easy, either by email to baas@usq.edu.au or by phone on (07) 4631 2267.

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Professional development

Become an education leader!

Enrol now in the USQ Master of Education program. If you want to build the knowledge and skills to enhance your capabilities as an education leader, the Master of Education is for you! The Faculty of Education at USQ offers a Master of Education by external studies.

Majors available include:

- Curriculum Studies
- Early Childhood
- Educational Technology *
- Guidance and Counselling
- Health, Physical Education and Sport (commencing 2005)
- Leadership and Management
- Lifelong Learning *
- Literacy and Children's Literature
- Mathematics Education *
- Online Education *
- Science Education *
- Special Education
- Teaching Second Languages

*online delivery

- Applications close for Semester 3 on 10 October 2004.

Semester 3 commences on 8 November 2004.

- Applications close for Semester 1 2005 on 31 October 2004.

Semester 1 commences on 28 February 2005.

Applications are accepted after these dates, however those received by the due date will be given priority.

For more information visit:
www.usq.edu.au/education/future/postgrad/masters/med1.htm

Faculty news

Science Week

More than 2000 school students from the Darling Downs will have the opportunity to participate in interesting science subjects including astronomy,

biomedical research and plant genetics as part of Science Week celebrations from 16 to 20 August.

Students will enjoy a series of hands-on scientific workshops at the "Sciences on the Downs Fair." A total of sixty sessions are planned for different age groups throughout the week. One of these activities will see students construct DNA models from licorice and lollies.

An enormous array of activities is planned to meet the needs of students from lower primary right to upper high school levels. Students will be able to spend a full day at the fair participating in activities in classes of up to 30 students.

Activities will be centred on scientific principles in the broad areas of chemistry, biology, astronomy, nursing, information technology, mathematics, ecology and conservation, physics and climatology.

A series of community guest lecturers will also be presented each evening during the week with the series culminating on the evening of Friday 20



August with a presentation by celebrity Sleek Geeks, Dr Karl Kruszelnicki and Adam Spencer.

If your students are interested remind them entry is free!

For more information and bookings contact Melissa Buckley, Faculty of Sciences, on (07) 4631 2681 or email buckley@usq.edu.au

Don't ignore your Education options

Students interested in undertaking a Bachelor of Education degree should be advised to choose their QTAC preferences very carefully and be aware of the different options available within the Education field at USQ.

If your students are concerned about getting the OP they need to get into a Bachelor of Education at USQ, there are

Don't miss out on scooping a scholarship

With the financial implications of university study on the minds of most parents, it is important to remind and encourage students to be aware of the scholarships that USQ has to offer. Students have the option of both university scholarships and bursaries as well as government-funded Commonwealth Learning Scholarships.

USQ offers many different types of scholarships. Students from schools in the Darling Downs and Wide Bay areas can apply for USQ Regional scholarships, while most Faculty Scholarships are now available to students Australia-wide. USQ scholarships will be awarded to students who not only perform well academically but who also have outstanding personal characteristics and have made a significant contribution to their school or community.

Commonwealth Learning Scholarships are awarded to students suffering financial hardship and are available for either educational or accommodation assistance. These scholarships are awarded to students after they commence tertiary study. Applications for Commonwealth Learning Scholarships close in March 2005.

Guidance Officers should now have a copy of the USQ Scholarships brochure. This information was correct at the time of printing, however USQ is constantly looking for new scholarship opportunities to provide support for students. Guidance Officers will be notified later in the year of any new scholarships offered for 2004 school-leavers that are not currently in the scholarships booklet.

In the mean-time, the USQ scholarships website www.usq.edu.au/scholarships can provide all school staff and students with continually updated information about current and new scholarships for prospective USQ students.

Please remind students that they've got to be in it to win it!

other Education programs that students can enrol in which will count entirely towards a Bachelor degree at a later date.

In the past, students were advised to enrol in a Bachelor of General Studies as an alternative pathway, with the option of transferring across in Semester 2. However, there are other options available through the Faculty of Education like the Certificate in General Education Studies.

Due to increasing demand for positions, students that do choose to enrol in a Bachelor of General Studies may find they are unable to transfer across in Semester 2 and may have to complete an entire year, completing courses that may not count towards an Education degree.

However, students that choose to do a Certificate in General Education Studies should find that all the courses they complete will count towards a Bachelor of Education (if chosen correctly). Entry may be dependent upon successful completion of all courses as well as a minimum Grade Point Average requirement.

Guidance officers should advise students interested in Education who are unsure of their OP, to review their preferences and check what alternative Education programs are available to help them on their way. For more information visit the USQ Faculty of Education website at www.usq.edu.au/education

D-Day is on the horizon

Many of the USQ Creative Arts programs require applicants to complete auditions and interviews in addition to submitting a QTAC application. If your students are interested in completing a degree in the Creative Arts areas, it is important that they are aware of the following deadlines:

Music

Round one:

Auditions/interviews will be held:
Toowoomba - Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 September.

Brisbane - Wednesday 29 September
Deadline for applications for this round is 30 August

Round two:

Auditions / interviews will be held:
Toowoomba - Monday 22 November.
Brisbane - Saturday 20 November

Deadline for applications for this round is 25 October

Theatre

Auditions / interviews will be held:
Toowoomba - Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 November.

Brisbane - Wednesday 17 to Saturday 20 November inclusive

No specific deadline for applications. They will be accepted anytime up until auditions commence

Visual Arts

Interviews will be held:
Toowoomba - Monday 15 - Friday 26 November (weekdays only)

Brisbane - Thursday 25 and Friday 26 November

No specific deadline for applications. They will be accepted anytime up until interviews commence.

Videotape auditions and phone interviews can be organised for all these programs if distance prohibits applicants travelling to Brisbane or Toowoomba.

For more information or application forms, please contact Mrs Cheryl Kanowski on (07) 4631 1121.

USQ Arts students get national exposure

USQ Visual Arts students are getting national exposure of their work through partnerships with renowned Australian universities.

If your students like the idea of having their work exhibited across Australia at universities in Sydney and Melbourne they will have the opportunity as a USQ Arts student through involvement in student exchange exhibitions.

Over the next few months USQ Visual Arts students will be involved in student exchange exhibitions at the Sydney College of the Arts gallery, University of Sydney, from 25 August to 12 September, 2004. This exhibition features works by students from the Sydney College of the Arts, University of Sydney and USQ Painting studio.

A "Ra Ra" student exchange exhibition will also be held at the Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne featuring the work of USQ sculpture students from 14 to 24 September, 2004.

Residential Colleges

A home away from home



Will your students be looking for accommodation when they come to study at USQ? If so, please encourage them to apply early for USQ Residential College accommodation. Places in USQ Residential Colleges are offered on a 'first in, first served' basis so the sooner they apply the better the chance they will have of securing a place.

USQ has three Residential Colleges, McGregor, Steele Rudd and Concannon. There is accommodation for 430 students. Comfortable single

study bedrooms are provided. Telephones with Voice Mail are available in each room. Linen is provided and all rooms are serviced weekly. All meals are provided. Students who have their own computers can have access from their own

bedrooms to the broadband network with high speed access to the University student intranet and the Internet.

Information packages have already been sent to Guidance Officers, but if you no longer have any left please do not hesitate to contact the Residential

Colleges on (07) 4631 2451 for further supplies or the students can book on line at:

www.usq.edu.au/accommodation
or email to:
accommodation.officer@usq.edu.au

Career events and activities

USQ is involved in a wide range of School Liaison activities throughout the year and will be involved in the following activities over the next few months. If you would like USQ to come to your school or would like to visit the campus, please contact the School Promotions team on 4631 2267 or e-mail baas@usq.edu.au

Date	Activity	Location
August 10	Career Evening	Redeemer Lutheran College – Brisbane
10 - 12	Career Markets	Hervey Bay, Chinchilla, Roma, Charleville
15	Open Day	USQ – Toowoomba Campus
16	Career Market	Townsville
17	Career Day	Centenary Heights SHS
18	Careers Markets	Scots College (Warwick), Cairns
19	School Visit	Goondiwindi SHS
23	<i>Start of 2005 QTAC application period</i> Adult Tertiary Entry Expo	Brisbane
24	School Visits	Clifton, St Joseph's College (Toowoomba), Christian Outreach College (Toowoomba)
24 - 25	Parent and Student Information Session	Lockyer District High School (Gatton) and Toowoomba Christian College
25	Career Day Career Market	St Ursula's and St Saviour's Colleges - Toowoomba Ipswich
27	School Visit	Browns Plains SHS - Brisbane
September 7 - 9	School Visits	St Mary's College (Maryborough), Clifton SHS and Corpus Christie (Nundah)
13	Career Expo	Nambour
30	<i>Close of on-time 2005 QTAC applications</i>	
October 20	School Visit	Brigidine College - Brisbane

USQ Open Day

USQ Open Day promises information and entertainment aplenty

Appearances by Australian Idol finalist, Levi, and Wallaby Joe Roff are just some of the highlights of a great day's entertainment that will be at this year's USQ Open Day on Sunday 15 August from 10am to 3pm.

Roff is a recent USQ business graduate, while Levi tops a bill that includes the Ergon Energy USQ Big Band, Dance Nation and children's entertainment group Crazy Kritters. In addition, River 949 will be running a live broadcast of the day's proceedings from the Toowoomba Campus.

This year USQ's Open Day is designed to provide a day-long family outing, in addition to its key role of providing course information to prospective students.

Key faculty staff will be on hand to talk to visitors and each faculty will hold information sessions as well as displays and demonstrations of what types of activities students can expect to be involved in over the course of their tertiary careers.

Planned activities include a simulated Careflight rescue and crisis management demonstration by public relations students, a mock debate in the Faculty of Education and the chance to win faculty prizes that include mobile phone recharge vouchers, movie tickets, a \$500 bursary and an Apple iPod.

Senior high school students are encouraged to come along to the USQ Open Day to enjoy a great day out while getting a feel for the university and finding out what it has to offer them.

