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How Lorenzo’s TAFE studies got him an access-all-areas pass to one of the world’s biggest theme parks

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We catch up with acting graduate Thomas Larkin

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TAFE creates and celebrates the doers in our country. The people who make the world turn.

This issue of MAKE is devoted to your futures, which is timely given that so many school leavers are about to decide whether to earn or learn.

Choosing where and what to study is not an easy decision, so we’ve included some helpful advice on QTAC applications, what’s trending in careers and also some insights as to what employers want when recruiting graduates.

We’ve also caught up with some current and former students who are making great happen all over the world — courtesy of the amazing study experiences and work placements that TAFE has on offer.

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Parents Guide

IT'S TIME TO HAVE 'THE TALK'

There’s plenty of advice for kids out there on post year 12 options, but we thought we’d give parents some tips to get the career conversation flowing…

➢ Use myProfiler on our website. Parents, do your own profile for a bit of fun. It will get the conversation flowing.
➢ Share your own study and career journey.
➢ Encourage your child to explore their options and to be resourceful.
➢ Research courses and job markets.
➢ Education is an investment: think about quality when assessing costs.
➢ Attend career expos and TAFE open days.
➢ Nurture your child’s pioneering spirit.
➢ Know that career directions are always changing and that adaption is the key to success.
➢ Talk to a TAFE Queensland Brisbane study guidance officer to help get your child on the right path.

WHAT’S TRENDING IN CAREERS

Careers aren’t as black and white as they used to be. Digital technologies have resulted in changes to traditional roles and created careers that previously didn’t exist. Here are some examples of new jobs that you might not have heard of. Check out the courses that we’ve matched against these careers.

Sustainable design consultant. Design for the future with innovative products and features that reduce environmental impact and tick all the boxes for social, economic and ecological sustainability.

Diploma of Building Design

Futurist. Social scientists, authors or consultants research and explore future possibilities and how they can use them to their advantage or manage the risks associated with technological development.

Certificate III in Information + Digital Media and Technology

Community engagement officer. Decision-making processes rarely occur these days without the consultation of local communities and organisations, who are engaged by delegated officers to include them in planning processes.

Diploma of Community Services + Diploma of Marketing

Online business entrepreneur. From mummy bloggers to teenage tea tycoons—the internet as a means to market and deliver goods and services around the world is a viable career option if you have the right training and ideas.

Diploma of Web Development + Certificate IV in Small Business Management

Social media manager. Social media gurus are becoming worth their weight in gold, providing organisations with professional knowledge and advice about social media platforms and how they can benefit their business.

Diploma of Marketing + Certificate IV in Information Technology Networking
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1. Select your chosen course from our website, noting the QTAC code and intake. Make sure that you include a dual program option if your goal is university.
2. Ensure you meet the course entry requirements.
3. Go to the QTAC website qtac.edu.au and submit your application (takes about 15-20 minutes).
4. Wait patiently for your offer from QTAC.
5. Contact QTAC to accept your offer and then call us to enrol at TAFE Queensland Brisbane.

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Then enrol directly into most of our 2015 courses from November. Contact us on 13 72 48 or email brisbane.tafe.qld.edu.au.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Acting is in Thomas Larkin’s blood.

Ever since his parents (who met at drama school in London) took him to see the Christmas nativity play at Brisbane’s City Hall as a child, he has been intoxicated with the ‘magic of performance’ and the theatre ever since.

Now it’s the former TAFE Queensland Brisbane acting student who is enthralling theatre-goers with his onstage accomplishments, most recently at the Brisbane Powerhouse in a play called Sex with Strangers, which he also co-produced.

Larkin, 27, has absolutely no qualms in crediting his experience at TAFE Queensland with igniting his love of acting.

“My interest in drama had been piqued at school so eventually I enrolled in TAFE to do an Advanced Diploma of Performing Arts in Acting,” Larkin explained.

“Through this I identified that performing was a passion of mine and I went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Acting from the Victorian College of Arts.”

Larkin, who is eager to further explore the world of film and television as part of his flourishing career, has some sage advice for aspiring actors.

“Life is about not following the well-worn path and being true to yourself.”

Tips to help fight problem skin

1. Keep your face clean. Wash twice daily to remove impurities, dead skin cells and extra oil.
2. Moisturise. Always use a moisturiser suitable for oily skin that minimises dryness and skin peeling.
3. Avoid wearing make-up during a breakout. If you do apply any makeup, wash it off at night.
4. Don’t touch your face. This may spread bacteria and irritate the already inflamed skin.

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Many parents fear the gap year, worrying their children might lose momentum by deferring their offers to study in preference of travelling and working.

Who’s to say you can’t have all of the above? Study, work and travel!

Lorenzo Puccini got to experience the best of both worlds while enrolled as a student at TAFE Queensland Brisbane, studying a Diploma of Tourism.

“In my first year of full-time study at South Bank I was selected to go to Florida as part of the Disney International College Program,” Lorenzo explained.

TAFE Queensland Brisbane fashion students are racking up the frequent flyer miles this year, as part of two international scholarships on offer to Diploma of Fashion students.

One lucky student is packing her bags for a study tour of New York this December, while two other students recently spent four weeks at the forefront of Japan’s cutting-edge fashion industry working as interns for a major brand in Tokyo.

Global networking opportunities such as those between our fashion department, Tokyo’s Bunka Gakuen University and the Global Education Skills Alliance (GESA) set our students up for success.

Did you know that multi-award winning designer Daniel Lightfoot studied at TAFE Queensland Brisbane?

Great fact: At last count, we had more students than all the Queensland universities combined

CREATING CAREERS IN INTERNATIONAL FASHION

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“I worked at Disney’s All Star Sports Resort in the food and beverage department for six months and at Disney’s Hollywood Studios in main entrance operations for the other half of the year.”

After completing his TAFE Queensland qualification, Lorenzo enrolled in a Bachelor of Business majoring in Human Resource Management at Griffith University.

“I can confidently say that living and working abroad helped me learn more about myself, gain practical experience and allowed me to broaden my personal and professional networks. And if I hadn’t gone to TAFE, I would never have had such a great opportunity.”

tafebrisbane.edu.au/tourism
tafebrisbane.edu.au/fashion
WHAT EMPLOYERS WANT

Aside from employers wanting to hire TAFE Queensland Brisbane graduates because of their industry relevant training, recruitment professionals are also looking for other key attributes when hiring new staff. Fortunately our courses already have these qualities embedded. Does your resume highlight any of these?

1. Communication skills
   This covers verbal and written communication and listening. Be clear, concise and tailor your message for the audience while listening to the views of others.

2. Industry knowledge
   This is about knowing how a business or industry works. Show that you have an understanding of what the company wants to achieve and how it compares to others.

3. Leadership skills
   Show potential in leading and motivating small teams by setting and sticking to deadlines, delegating and leading by good example.

4. Team work
   Be able to negotiate effectively to get your message forward, while understanding where other team members are coming from. Show you can problem solve and resolve issues.

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Get started by speaking with your school VET coordinator.

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Director, Screen Printing Services
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APPRENTICE | Santana Herniman
Screen Printer, Screen Printing Services, Certificate III in Printing and Graphic Arts (Screen Printing)

“Being the best 4th year screen printing apprentice was amongst many highlights since completing my course. I am now able to pass the knowledge I have learnt at TAFE Queensland Brisbane and Screen Printing Services on to our new apprentice, which is an exciting new chapter in my future.”

THE TWO SIDES OF THE FENCE

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