Apply Now

UQ welcomes applications for Young ChangeMakers from current Year 11 students. To ensure diversity in the program and allow each student to make their unique contribution to the experience, the selection panel will choose nominees from a range of schools, backgrounds and interest areas.

To be eligible for selection, you must:

• be enrolled as a Year 11 student (2025)

Applicants will be assessed on:

- academic achievement
- involvement in extra-curricular activities
- · contributions to their school and/or local community.

Applicants are required to submit an online application form with supporting documents including:

- 300-word statement OR 1-minute video
- copy of your most recent school report
- letter of support from your school (principal or teacher) or community organisation you're involved in (optional)
- evidence of financial hardship, if applicable.



To apply, visit young-changemakers.uq.edu.au Applications must be completed in full by **Sunday 21 September 2025, 11:59pm**

"The Young ChangeMakers program is an unforgettable experience that I will cherish for the rest of my youth and further on. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that brings out parts of yourself that you didn't even know existed. The mentors, the students, the faculty sessions, the workshops, the lectures,

> all combine to create an experience that unlocks potential that you never knew you had."

MALLEE HILL All Souls St Gabriels School



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Young ChangeMakers Program 2025



Welcome to the

Young ChangeMakers Program

Are you already excited about the things you'll do after high school? Start unlocking your potential now with Young ChangeMakers, a unique on-campus experience at The University of Queensland.

This 4-day program is designed for Year 11 students with big ideas and ambitions, aimed at helping you become the leaders, thinkers and innovators of tomorrow. As a Young ChangeMaker, you'll participate in activities that ignite your passion for innovative ideas and creating change in your community and the wider world.

Students will be challenged to think critically about local and global issues, while developing design thinking, leadership and communication skills.

While you're here, you'll form connections with other Young ChangeMakers as well as people from UQ – a fantastic way to start creating your network and making new friends outside of school. Our passionate staff and student mentors are specifically trained to support you through the Young ChangeMakers journey, which will include team building, public speaking and critical thinking. You'll also get a sneak peek into what life at UQ could be like as a university student.

Staying at UQ

While on campus, students are housed in individual rooms at Cromwell College, one of UQ's residential colleges. UQ staff and student mentors reside on campus for the duration of the program and can be called on at any time for assistance. Cromwell College has secure facilities protected by 24-hour security.

Program cost

The program cost of \$520 includes all activities, meals and accommodation. Transport to and from UQ is not included in the cost. Program fee waivers are available to students who would not otherwise be able to participate due to financial circumstances.

Staff and student mentors

Our student mentors are friendly, passionate university students who are specifically trained for their role. Alongside our team of dedicated staff, it's their aim to ensure each student feels supported during their stay at UQ and for the duration of the program.



"I absolutely loved my time at camp! It showed me the importance of giving everything a go, and putting yourself out there.

Not only was I able to explore my future study opportunities and create a better understanding of University life, but I was also able to meet so many likeminded students who I can say are close friends of mine to this day."

TARRYN SOROUR
Fairholme College, Toowoomba



Young ChangeMakers includes:

- A 4-day (3-night) stay at UQ's St Lucia campus (Sunday 30 November to Wednesday 3 December 2025).
- A comprehensive program that includes interactive faculty workshops, inspiring keynotes and cultural, sporting and social activities.
- A Young ChangeMakers reunion at UQ Open Day (2026).

Sample program

Time	Activity
6-7am	Group fitness with UQ Sport (optional)
7-8am	Breakfast
8-10am	Faculty workshop
10-10:30am	Morning tea
10:30am-12pm	Keynote Lecture
12-1pm	Lunch in the Great Court
1-3pm	Faculty workshop
3-3:30pm	Afternoon tea
3:30-5pm	Sports and Arts Session
5-6pm	Free time
6-7pm	Dinner
7-9pm	Evening activity: outdoor movie or trivia night

The full program is supplied to successful applicants prior to camp. Content is revised annually and is subject to change.