

UQ Guide



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OF QUEENSLAND
AUSTRALIA

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International parent and carer
information guide



Welcome to The University of Queensland

I would like to congratulate you on all of the hard work, love and commitment that you've shown in supporting your child through their schooling and preparing them for the next exciting phase.

As your child considers undertaking university abroad, they are on the cusp of a great adventure that will be full of enjoyment, life experiences and personal growth opportunities.

At UQ, we're here to support, guide and inspire your child on the next step towards their future. In addition to the knowledge they will gain from their studies, they'll also learn specialist skills to enhance their long-term employability and make friends for life. This guide will be a wealth of information for you in preparing your child for this great adventure and supporting them, and you, along the way.

Professor Deborah Terry AC
President and Vice-Chancellor

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Disclaimer

The information in this Guide is accurate at December 2024. The University refreshes and updates its information, programs and course offerings from time to time and without notice. It is your responsibility to visit study.uq.edu.au for up-to-date information.

All costs and fees quoted in this publication are in Australian dollars (A\$) except where otherwise indicated.

ESOS compliance

The provision of education services to international students by Australian education institutions is governed by the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 and the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018.

The ESOS Act and related legislation is designed to protect the interests of students coming to Australia on Student visas.

The legislation aims to protect and enhance Australia's reputation for quality education, to provide tuition protection and support the integrity of the Student visa program.

The University of Queensland, in providing education services to overseas students, complies with the National Code of Practice of the Department of Education and Training and the Universities Australia code of ethical practice.

CRICOS Provider 00025B
TEQSA PRV12080
ESOS Act
education.gov.au/esos-framework

Privacy

The University complies with Australian and Queensland privacy laws and guidelines. uq.edu.au/legal/website-terms-of-use

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Why choose UQ



=40th
in the world

QS World University
Rankings 2025

1st

in Australia

Australian Financial Review
Best Universities Ranking 2023 and 2024

63rd

in the world

Academic Ranking of
World Universities 2024



Our campuses are
considered some
of the world's most
beautiful

UQ researchers are
named among the
world's most influential

UQ researchers received 39 awards in the
prestigious 2024 Highly Cited Researchers List.

94.7%

enjoy the UQ campus
environment

International Student Barometer 2023



More national
teaching awards than
any other Australian
university

★★★★★ rating

for student demand,
staff qualifications and
learning resources

Good Universities Guide 2023

1st

in Australia

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Top Academic Institutions 2024



21,500

international students
from 141 countries are
welcomed at UQ

25th

globally and #3 in
Australia for best
student city

QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2025

77.7%

of UQ bachelor's degree
graduates secured full-
time employment within
4 months of graduation

2022 Quality Indicators for Learning and
Teaching Graduate Outcomes Survey

Our UQ
community
speaks **90**
languages

International students are
welcomed and celebrated at UQ



Top 5

in the world in 2 subjects*

Top 40

in the world in 13 subjects*



2nd  Sports-related subjects

4th  Mineral and Mining Engineering

16th  Agriculture and Forestry

17th  Petroleum Engineering

18th  Environmental Sciences

27th  Hospitality and Leisure Management

30th  Pharmacy and Pharmacology

33rd  Dentistry

33rd  Psychology

34th  Veterinary Sciences

37th  Nursing

40th  Anatomy and Physiology

40th  Education

*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

UQ graduates are ready for the future



Employability

Our approach to employability goes beyond simply getting a job. We focus on how students can develop abilities and mindsets to perform effectively in the workplace, create new opportunities, make an impact and succeed in whatever path they choose. We have dedicated employability teams across UQ who empower our graduates with a full suite of career capabilities.



Workplace learning

Internships, placements and networking will be part of your child's study experience at UQ. Learning in real workplaces gives them the opportunity to put learnings into practice while discovering what it's like to work day-to-day in their industry. It's also the perfect way to grow professional connections before graduation.



Global connections

At UQ, students join a global network of more than 332,000 alumni, many of whom are leaders in their fields including more than 17,700 PhDs, in 184 countries. They'll benefit from an extensive graduate network, strong industry partnerships and many notable alumni.

alumni.uq.edu.au/changemakers



UQ graduate attributes

We believe in shaping graduates who stand out to future employers and are not only academically accomplished but also equipped with qualities that make a difference in the world.

UQ graduates are:

- accomplished scholars
- courageous thinkers
- connected citizens
- culturally capable
- influential communicators
- respectful leaders.

These attributes guide our students' learning journey and make them stand out to future employers and professional communities.

A UQ qualification is more than a degree; it's a testament to a student's readiness to excel in their career and contribute meaningfully to their community.

“When we were looking for a university for our daughter, The University of Queensland was on the top of our list. We decided to choose UQ as the university is well known for its high employability rate and state-of-the-art facilities. UQ also has many scholarship opportunities. Our daughter was awarded the Economics Vietnam Scholarship which provided great financial support and allowed her to be involved more in uni life through study groups and volunteering.”

Ha Huynh and Hao Tran, Vietnam



“Our daughter first studied at The University of Queensland as an exchange student during her undergraduate studies. Later, when she decided to study her Master's degree and Doctoral degree, UQ was undoubtedly our first choice. As a top-tier university with world-class facilities, UQ is renowned for its teaching excellence, research impact and graduates' high employment rate. In addition to a scholarship, our daughter was also provided with a range of support and opportunities including practical experiences to make the most of her uni life.”

Xu Geng and Ma Li, China



Important dates, applications and admissions

The Australian academic year is structured differently from many other countries, particularly those in the Northern Hemisphere. To help you and your family prepare in advance, it is vital to be aware of key dates in our academic calendar.

Important UQ academic dates

January	1	New Year's Day	July	1-18	Mid-year break
	25	Summer Semester ends		14-18	July graduations
	27	Australia Day public holiday		21-25	Mid-year Orientation Week
February	17-21	Orientation Week	28	Semester 2 starts	
	24	Semester 1 starts	August	11	Gatton Show holiday
March	31	Census date (Semester 1)		13	Royal Queensland Show holiday (St Lucia, Herston and Dutton Park)
	April	18		Good Friday	31
21		Easter Monday	September	29-30	Mid-semester break
22-24		Mid-semester break	October	1-3	Mid-semester break
25		ANZAC Day holiday		6	King's Birthday holiday
28		Semester 1 resumes	7	Semester 2 resumes	
May	5	Labour Day holiday	November	3-7	Revision period
	31	Semester 2 application closing date		8-22	Examination period
June	2-6	Revision period		22	Semester 2 ends
	7-21	Examination period	30	Semester 1 application closing date	
	21	Semester 1 ends	December	1	Summer Semester starts
	23-30	Mid-year break		10-24	December graduations
		25		Christmas Day holiday	
		26		Boxing Day holiday	

Census date is the last date to cancel enrolment in a course without incurring financial liability.

Mid-semester and mid-year breaks: Each mid-semester break is around 2 weeks long with a longer break of 4 weeks in the middle of the year.

Summer: Semester 2 ends in mid-November and classes do not recommence until mid to late February the next year. Students may return home to visit in that time or can stay for the Australian summer. There are also opportunities to undertake summer Research Programs or further study in Summer Semester. employability.uq.edu.au/summer-winter-research
Dates displayed are for 2025. Please check UQ's Academic Calendar at uq.edu.au/events for current dates.



University life at a glance

University life at UQ during the semester is busy, dynamic and multifaceted. Students attend lectures and tutorials, participate in seminars and practical learning, and complete assignments, all while managing their schedules to balance study and personal time.

Campus life is vibrant, with numerous opportunities for involvement in clubs, sports, and social and cultural events. Amidst the hustle and bustle, students often find themselves developing essential time management and independent living skills, crucial for their future endeavours.

What is a semester like at UQ?

The sample schedule here gives you a good idea of what your child undertakes in their first semester at UQ.



Summer and winter Research Programs

Eligible students can participate in a summer or winter Research Program to boost employability, explore their interests, and strengthen critical thinking and communication skills. Successful applicants may receive funding support.

employability.uq.edu.au/summer-winter-research

Week	Activity and guidance
Orientation and introduction	
O-Week	During Orientation Week (O-Week) participate in welcome sessions and social events to embrace university life, learn about the program, meet staff and make new friends.
Week 1	Classes commence with introductory lectures. Take this opportunity to get to know your teachers and classmates.
Week 2	Tutorials, practicals and lab sessions start. Gather all study materials and become familiar with course expectations and the assessment schedule.
Weeks 3–5: Core content and early assessments	
Week 3	Core topics are introduced, and assignments or group projects may begin. Stay on top of readings and start assignments early.
Week 4	Continued delivery of core content. First assessments may be due. Prepare for quizzes or early assessments to gauge your understanding.
Week 5	Complex topics emerge with mid-semester exams or major assignments. Review regularly and utilise campus resources like libraries for support.
Weeks 6–8: Mid-semester assessments and feedback	
Week 6	Mid-semester break provides time to rest and catch up on study.
Week 7	Mid-semester exams, major assignments or practicals take place, with feedback on early assessments. Create a study schedule for exams.
Week 8	By this point, core topics should be well understood as more advanced topics and case studies are introduced. Start working on major assignments or projects early.
Weeks 9–11: Advanced topics and intensive learning	
Week 9	Advanced topics are covered, group projects and presentations may take place. Seek help from tutors with challenging topics if needed.
Week 10	Continue exploring in-depth topics with assessments due. Prioritise your workload to ensure assignments are completed on time.
Week 11	Begin preparing for final assessments with revision sessions and additional tutorials. Use past exam papers if available to enhance your revision.
Weeks 12–13: Revision period	
Week 12	Final lectures and tutorials offer a comprehensive review of the semester's content. Focus on consolidating your knowledge and understanding key concepts.
Week 13	Study week (SWOTVAC) with no formal classes. Review all materials thoroughly in preparation for exams.
Examination period	
Exams	Final examinations take place over 2–3 weeks. Get plenty of rest before each exam to perform your best.

Your family's journey to UQ



STEP 1 Research and decide

- Research suitable programs by visiting study.uq.edu.au.
- Decide on preferred program. Consider up to 3 preferences.
- Make sure any program entry requirements are understood. This includes subject prerequisites.
- Contact a UQ Student Adviser for advice study.uq.edu.au/contact/enquiry.
- Consider engaging an agent.
- Confirm budget and funds needed.
- Browse UQ's range of scholarships and financial support: scholarships.uq.edu.au.



STEP 2 Finish high school

- Focus on completing high school and final exams and assessments.
- Ensure requirements will be met for chosen programs.
- Ensure you are aware of key dates for program applications, such as non-standard application closing dates or additional criteria like tests or personal statements.
- Prepare for English language tests.
- Research accommodation options to suit your child and budget.



STEP 3 Prepare

- Go to UQ's application portal and create an account: apply.uq.edu.au.
- Prepare your UQ application. You can save it and return later.

This is just an example timeline. We recommend applying as early as you can - students can apply up to 2 years in advance - even if they have not finished high school.

How to apply

Step-by-step instructions about how to apply for undergraduate study at UQ can be found at study.uq.edu.au/admissions/undergraduate



STEP 11 Commencement

- Commence studies at UQ.



STEP 10 Arrival

- Arrive before O-Week.
- Settle in to accommodation.

Under 18s must arrive no earlier than 19 days prior.

Applications closing dates:

The application closing dates for most UQ programs are as follows:

Semester 1: 30 November of previous year

Semester 2: 31 May of same year

Please note that some UQ programs have earlier or different closing dates. See your program's webpage for details.

Working with agents: An education agent assists with application and visa processes and pre-departure preparations. They provide financial guidance, ongoing support and cultural insights, ensuring compliance with legal requirements.

study.uq.edu.au/contact/find-approved-uq-agent-near-you



STEP 4 Submit application

- Ensure you have the documentation needed to submit your application.
- Finalise and submit your UQ application.



STEP 5 Accept your UQ offer

- Receive Letter of Offer from UQ.
- Ensure you have the documents needed to satisfy the conditions of your offer.
- Once all conditions of your offer have been met, accept the offer through the UQ Application Portal.
- Pay tuition fees deposit.



STEP 6 Get your CoE and apply for visa

- Receive CoE.
- Apply for visa as soon as you receive your CoE.

Visit the Starting at UQ website for enrolment instructions my.uq.edu.au/starting-at-uq.



STEP 9 Pre-departure

- Book flights.
- Register for UQ's helpful Information Sessions my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/information-sessions.
- Attend pre-departure sessions.
- Enrol in your courses.
- Open Australian bank account.
- Plan what to pack.
- Book airport shuttle service.



STEP 8 Secure accommodation

- Secure and finalise accommodation with UQ guaranteed accommodation.

December is peak holiday period in Australia. Processing times may be slower or delayed.



STEP 7 Receive your Student visa

- Receive visa outcome.

Check the Department of Home Affairs for the latest advice on visa processing times immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500.

Conditional offer: If there are conditions you still need to satisfy, you'll be issued a conditional offer.

At UQ, a qualification or degree is called a **program** and a subject is called a **course**.

Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)
A CoE is issued when you accept a place at the University and pay your deposit and Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), if applicable, and you need it to apply for a Student visa and accommodation.



Students under 18 years of age

UQ is committed to providing a supportive and enriching environment for all its students, including international students under the age of 18. We recognise the unique needs and challenges faced by younger students, UQ offers a range of services designed to ensure their safety, wellbeing, and academic success.

The Under 18 International Student Supervision Program is compulsory for international students who:

- are under 18 years of age when they enter Australia and commence their program at UQ
- are 18 years of age and are not living with a parent, legal custodian or suitable relative approved by the Department of Home Affairs
- need their accommodation and welfare arrangements approved to meet the Department of Home Affairs' student visa requirements.

This program provides students with additional support, guidance and activities to help them transition to study and life in Australia. We recognise that living away from family, friends and usual support can take some time to adjust to, so we have developed a comprehensive program for these students.



Parents can contact supervision@uq.edu.au at any time if you have concerns for your child. We can give reminders to call home or pass on any important messages. We are committed to providing our students with the best support possible.

study.uq.edu.au/university-life/getting-prepared-to-come-to-australia/under-18-international-student-supervision-program

The program includes



Orientation sessions



Study workshops and social activities



Regular face-to-face check-ins with the supervision team



Extra support to help students to settle in at UQ



Ongoing monitoring and assistance with studies



Accommodation with UQ-approved providers



Regular inspections of accommodation



Nightly curfew with no overnight guests permitted at accommodation



Parental permission needed for travel or overnight stays

National regulations for welfare and custody arrangements for students under 18

The Australian Government places a strong emphasis on the welfare and custody arrangements for international students under 18 years of age to ensure their safety and wellbeing while studying in Australia. For more information, visit the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs website.

immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500/welfare-arrangements-students-under-18#





Money matters

Paying fees, buying study materials and managing living expenses when your child starts university can seem like a lot to juggle, but knowing what to expect will help them be better prepared. Brisbane offers great value living for students, but you may find the cost of living in Australia to be higher or different for items such as food, housing and transport compared to your home country. So they can make the most of their time at UQ, we recommend to plan and budget for your child's study and day-to-day living.

Costs of study

UQ has program-based tuition fees for coursework award programs, meaning that all courses within a program are charged at the same tuition fee rate per unit for a given academic year. Some programs also have additional costs. Visit study.uq.edu.au for the latest program information and tuition fees.

Non-tuition fees

Non-tuition fees paid to the University may include the student services and amenities fee, books and equipment, health insurance, administration and accommodation. Other non-tuition fees include assistance to apply for or hold a Student visa.

study.uq.edu.au/admissions/undergraduate/review-fees-and-financial-support

UQ scholarships

UQ offers competitive scholarships to help high-achieving students fund their tertiary education. We have scholarships for a diverse range of criteria – such as academic excellence, sporting excellence, creative excellence and much more. Your child may be eligible for a scholarship for a specific program or study area. There are also opportunities to enhance the experience of students from specific international countries or regions. For more information, and to check your child's eligibility, visit: scholarships.uq.edu.au.



From 10 May 2024, the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs announced that student visa applicants will need to show they have a minimum of \$29,710 to cover the cost of living for a year in Australia.

Average tuition fees

The average cost of year 1 of an undergraduate degree in 2024 is \$49,145*.

Textbooks and study materials

Depending on what you study, books and other study costs can be from \$620 to \$1,400 on average per year.

*Costs of programs can vary widely. Visit the program's webpage for up-to-date information.

Monthly cost of living

The table below estimates monthly expenses for living in Brisbane. These estimates are a guide only and prices vary according to lifestyle preferences. UQ tuition fees, textbooks and study materials, clothing, entertainment, printing and healthcare costs are in addition to the figures below.

Monthly cost of living	STUDENT LIVING IN ON-CAMPUS COLLEGE [^]	STUDENT LIVING OFF-CAMPUS / STUDENT ACCOMMODATION *
Rent	\$2,422–\$3,261*	\$950–\$2,686
Utilities (gas, electricity, water)	included in rent	\$100–\$150**
Food	included in rent	\$463–\$940
Mobile phone / internet	\$15–\$150	\$15–\$150
Public transport	\$26–\$52	\$39–\$65
TOTAL	\$2,463–\$3,463	\$1,567–\$3,991

[^] Catered meals are included at UQ Residential colleges. UQ RES (Kev Carmody House) does not include catered meals.

* On-campus and off-campus accommodation costs are usually lower in Gatton. The cost for a standard resident room in the Halls of Residence in Gatton is from \$378 per week.

** Many student accommodation providers include electricity, gas and internet costs in rent; however, check with your provider to be sure.

This table should be taken as a guide only. For the most accurate costs of living, visit: study.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-brisbane/cost-living

Banks

There are 4 major banks and a number of smaller banks to choose from in Australia.

- Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- Westpac Bank
- ANZ Bank
- National Australia Bank

Some banks allow international students to open an account in the 3 months leading up to arrival.

Working while studying

Student visa holders can work up to 48 hours per fortnight (2-week period) during university semesters, and full-time hours during holidays. Study should always take priority over work and students shouldn't expect to cover tuition fees or living expenses with a casual job.

immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=500

Tax File Number

An Australian Tax File Number (TFN) is required for individuals to work in Australia. This is a unique number issued by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to individuals and organisations to help manage tax and other government services. Students with a valid visa can apply for a TFN online.

ato.gov.au/individuals-and-families/tax-file-number/apply-for-a-tfn

Overseas student health insurance cover

As part of the conditions of the student visa, all students must purchase Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). Student visa holders are responsible for ensuring their OSHC remains valid for the entire duration of their Student visa, either by arranging it independently or through Allianz Care with UQ. More information about OSHC can be found on page 14.



How much should it cost?

Loaf of white bread	\$2.50
5-pack of instant noodles	\$5.00
12 large eggs	\$5.30
1 litre of milk	\$1.55
1 kilogram of white rice	\$1.80
Regular cup of coffee	\$5.57
Fast food burger meal with large fries and drink	\$14.30
Cinema ticket (concession rate)	\$9.00 – \$19.50
Bus ticket (concession rate)	\$1.42 – \$10.74



Cost of living calculator

Study Australia provides a helpful Cost of Living Calculator to estimate your weekly, monthly and annual living costs.

costofliving.studyaustralia.gov.au



Safety and security

At UQ, we want for students and their families to always feel safe and secure. We care about students' personal safety on our campuses and beyond.



For emergencies in Australia, dial 000.

Triple Zero (000) is Australia's primary emergency phone number and should be used in urgent medical or life-threatening situations to contact police, fire or ambulance services. It is a free call from any mobile or pay phone and you do not need mobile credit to call 000.

Allianz Care Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

All international students studying on a Student visa must have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) unless an exemption applies. OSHC is health insurance for international students which provides cover for the costs of:

- out of hospital medical treatment
- in hospital medical treatment
- prescription medicines
- medical devices and human tissue products
- emergency ambulance transport.

UQ can organise your OSHC with Allianz Care when you accept your UQ offer and pay your tuition fee deposit.

allianzcare.com.au/en/visas/student-visa-oshc.html



UQ campuses are safe places

24/7 Security

Our St Lucia and Gatton campuses are patrolled by security teams 24 hours a day.

Safety escorts

A licensed individual will walk with students at night to their car or public transportation.

Safety bus

A free safety bus operates after dark on the St Lucia campus including carparks, colleges, CityCat ferry terminal and select roadways.

Emergency call points

Located across each campus for an immediate response from Security.

UQ SafeZone app

Students can download the free app to connect directly with UQ Security officers or emergency services.



For more information about health and safety services in Australia or on campus visit: study.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-queensland/health-and-safety-services



Australian medical system

Australia has one of the best medical systems in the world. Brisbane is home to over 14 public hospitals and 16 private hospitals.

If students need to see a doctor or dentist or fill a medicine prescription, we have their healthcare needs covered right here on campus. They can visit the friendly teams at the UQ Health Care clinic, UQ Dental or the Campus Pharmacy.

uqhealthcare.org.au

Safety in Australia online workshop

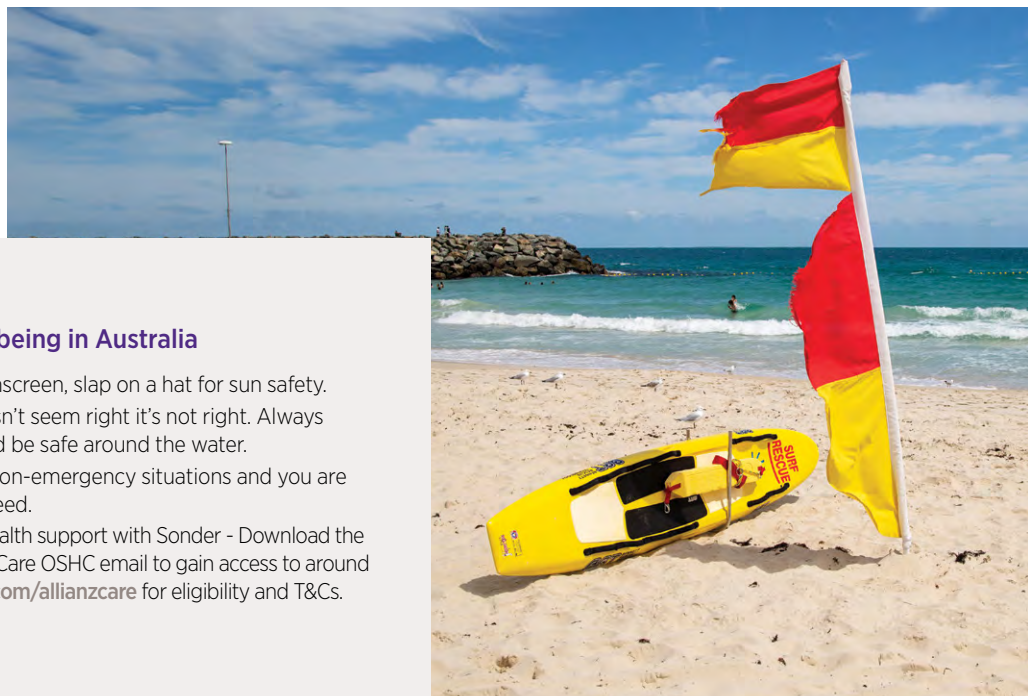
This online workshop provides international students with tips on keeping safe while living in Australia.

my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/information-sessions



Allianz Care top tips on wellbeing in Australia

- Slip, slop, slap. Slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat for sun safety.
- Swimming is in our lifestyle, but if it doesn't seem right it's not right. Always swim between the flags at the beach and be safe around the water.
- Call Allianz Care on 136742 if you are in non-emergency situations and you are unsure on what medical help you may need.
- Access 24/7 safety, medical and mental health support with Sonder - Download the Sonder app and register with your Allianz Care OSHC email to gain access to around the clock care in Australia. Visit sonderau.com/allianzcare for eligibility and T&Cs.








Cyber safety online


Cyber security is paramount at UQ – unfortunately there can be threats to your online security. Learn about the simple things you can do to protect yourself and your child from cyber security risks.


Scams and threats to be aware of


 **Email scams:** Criminals impersonate trusted organisations to steal money and information.

 **Pretexting scams:** Scammers might use a false story to trick you into giving them information, money or access to systems.

 **Scholarship scams:** Fake scholarship offers that require payment for application or processing fees.

 **Gift card scam:** The scam usually asks the recipient to urgently purchase gift cards. If purchased, the scammer will ask for the gift card codes and then have full use of the card(s).

 **Tuition fee scams:** Scammers might offer to pay a student's tuition fees at a discounted rate but disappear with the money once it's transferred.

 **Visa and immigration scams:** Scammers may pose as immigration officials, claiming there's a problem with a student's visa and demanding immediate payment to avoid deportation.

Scams can happen to anyone. UQ urges students and their families to learn what to look out for and how to protect themselves from online threats. For more information visit UQ's Student Scams webpage: my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/information-technology/cyber-security/cyber-security-ug/student-scams



To protect yourself

- Verify the identity of anyone asking for money or personal information.
- Be cautious with unsolicited emails, calls or messages.
- Use secure, official channels for payments and communications.
- Keep your personal information private and secure.
- Regularly update your passwords and use two-factor authentication when possible.
- Report any suspicious activity to the relevant authorities.



UQ's Payments is our only trusted international money transfer provider.

payments.uq.edu.au/home/menu

UQ will never contact you to demand payment or personal information. If you think you may have been contacted by someone impersonating UQ, please report it to us.

support.my.uq.edu.au/app/opa/report_a_cyber_security_incident



Get set for success

At UQ, your child's success is our success. UQ has services and activities to help students to settle in, support their academic progression, make new friends, expand their skills and network and enjoy student life right up until graduation.

Student support



Academic workshops



Student advisers



English language help



Free counselling



Multi-faith chaplaincy/
Spiritual practice



Info sessions



Mentoring



Peer assisted study sessions

Academic progression at UQ

Students are required to meet minimum academic standards at each stage of their program. Maintaining satisfactory academic progress is crucial, as it indicates that a student is fulfilling the course's learning objectives, advancing in their studies, and meeting the requirements for professional graduation. If these standards are not met, UQ will reach out to the student, who must then respond accordingly.

Final grades

Final grades are published at the end of each semester. Final results for a course are explained in the table below (note percentages shown are recommended only).

Most courses use a numbering system for final grades, with 7 as the highest possible grade and 1 being the lowest grade.

Failing a course

If your child fails a course, they can access our support services listed above, ask their faculty for help or may be given a second chance to pass the course by completing a supplementary assessment. They may need to re-take the course (if it is a core subject) or take another course of equal value to complete their program.

No one likes to fail, but it's important to understand that transitioning to university overseas can be a significant challenge. Your child's performance may differ from how they excelled in school back in their home country. For more information visit: my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/manage-my-program/exams-and-assessment/final-grades

Grade	Description	Percentage
7	High Distinction	85% - 100%
6	Distinction	75% - 84%
5	Credit	65% - 74%
4	Pass	50% - 64%
3	Marginal fail (but may be eligible for supplementary assessment)	Below 50%
3S4	Pass following supplementary assessment	
363	Fail following supplementary assessment	
1,2	Fail	



Privacy laws in Australia

We cannot release private information of our students such as grades to anyone, even parents. Fostering open and honest communication with your child will help you to know more about their progression at university.

Making friends and expanding personal networks

Making friends and expanding personal networks is an important part of university life. Joining a sport, club or society, engaging in mentoring and professional development or getting involved with the local community are great ways to enjoy interests while meeting like-minded people.

Clubs and societies

Students are welcomed to join one of our 200 clubs and societies. With more than 30,000 students involved in everything from anime to yoga, and several international student associations, students are certain to find like-minded people and learn new skills.

uqu.com.au/connecting-u/clubs-societies

Get active

UQ is home to exceptional sporting facilities, with almost 40 sporting clubs on campus. Whether for fun and recreation, exercise as part of a daily routine or to get competitive as a team player, UQ Sport has a range of sport and activities for students.

uqsport.com.au

UQ mentoring

UQ offers lots of mentoring opportunities for students to get connected, get involved and have fun! Connect to peers, groups or industry partners – there's something for everyone. For more information on all of the mentoring opportunities available, visit our Mentoring webpage.

my.uq.edu.au/mentoring

Employability


From their first-year students can take part in a range of enrichment experiences that will help them develop valuable career capabilities as well as gain exposure to work environments, engage with different cultural contexts, and expand their professional networks. Internships, research projects, career workshops and industry events all contribute to employability development.

study.uq.edu.au/enhance-your-employability

Spiritual practice

UQ welcomes students from all faiths and practices, and our Multi-Faith Chaplaincy at our St Lucia campus caters to all religions. It is a great place to meet people from different cultures and faiths.

my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/religion



UQ has 36 clubs with more than 9,000 combined members specifically for students who identify with or have an interest in international cultural backgrounds.

Adjusting to student life

Talk to your child about what they might experience during their transition to study and what to do if they need help and support. This will help manage their expectations and give them the tools they need to thrive.



Adjusting to their new life as a UQ student in Australia may take some time. When students first arrive, many feel elated about the new and exciting sensations they are experiencing. This can also be overwhelming and may affect them physically and emotionally. For most, this is temporary while adjusting to the challenges of living in a different country. After some time, as they become more settled, they will begin to feel happy and at home. If they find they are experiencing hardship, homesickness or just not feeling OK, they should reach out to UQ Student Support and Wellbeing Services for help.

my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support



Living in Australia

Australia is a modern and diverse country. We are known for our spirit of friendship, love of being outdoors and rich cultural history. Australians value a lifestyle that balances work and study with enjoying leisure and family time. The opportunities are endless so please encourage your child to embrace the journey and immerse themselves in the community.

study.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-queensland



 **Post-study work opportunities**

Brisbane is one of Australia's fastest-growing capital cities, offering a vast range of employment opportunities in both the public and private sectors, with 245,000 new jobs predicted by 2031. Many students take advantage of 2 to 3 year post-study work rights to kickstart their career here.



Take a virtual tour of UQ's campuses



Find everything you need on campus using our UQ Maps app

Brisbane – the best student city

Brisbane (Meanjin), the home of UQ's St Lucia, Herston and Dutton Park campuses, is the capital city of the state of Queensland and its economic and cultural hub. Brisbane is Australia's most inclusive study destination and is known as a safe and welcoming place to live. It has all the features of a cosmopolitan city – great dining, vibrant green spaces, arts, shopping and major events – and is known for its friendly and laid-back character. It's the perfect option for students seeking a friendly and welcoming environment to focus on their studies.

We welcome you to visit us

Curious about life in Brisbane and Queensland? We welcome you to visit us and experience our beautiful city and surrounds and see our campuses. Make a holiday of it and discover more at the Queensland website.

queensland.com/au/en/home

Getting around

UQ campuses are easy to access using public transport.

Public transport

Brisbane's Translink is an extensive bus, ferry and train public transport network that makes it easy to get around. A 'go card' allows you to travel on all Brisbane public transport. As an international student, your child is eligible for 50% off the price of adult public fares. Once they buy their go card, they can apply for their discount online and plan their journeys at translink.com.au

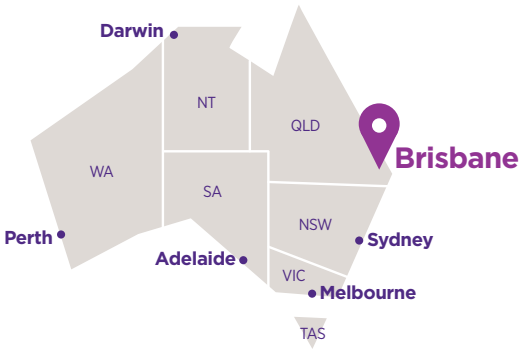
TIP: They must tap their go card on and off when they board and exit public transport.

UQ St Lucia has 2 bus stations - UQ Lakes and Chancellor's Place - and the UQ St Lucia City Cat (ferry) terminal.

MyTransLink app

Download the MyTransLink app to plan the journey to UQ on public transport.

translink.com.au



Beyond Brisbane

With the Translink network students can catch buses, trains or ferries to some of South-East Queensland's most iconic tourist destinations and international airports. No need to own a car!

- Gold Coast
- Theme parks: Dreamworld, Movie World, Wet 'n' Wild
- Sunshine Coast
- Noosa
- Australia Zoo
- Stradbroke Island (Minjerrabah) and Southern Moreton Bay Islands



One of Australia's fastest growing capital cities

(Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2023)



**240 days of sunshine a year
+21° to +28°C**

**average maximum temperature
most days of the year**



**Brisbane's population is
2.7 million**



1 in 3 residents

**in Brisbane has a
multicultural background**



Brisbane's city centre by the Brisbane River

Travel options to UQ campuses

UQ St Lucia	7km from the central business district (CBD)	10+ direct bus routes One arrives every 2 minutes at the UQ Lakes bus stop	5+ train stations within 4km	15 minutes between each ferry
UQ Gatton	5km from Gatton CBD / 1 hour from Brisbane / 30 minutes from Toowoomba	4+ free inter-campus buses daily	Rail-bus service runs between Brisbane and Gatton	
UQ Herston	5km from the CBD	2 minutes to Inner Northern busway from the CBD	3+ train stations within 2km	
UQ Dutton Park	5km from the CBD	20 minutes to CBD	2 train stations within 3km	14 minutes from the CBD + 10 mins walk



Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah)



Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

Images courtesy of Brisbane Economic Development Agency

Accommodation

Where a student chooses to live is part of their learning journey. Whether they want to experience UQ living on campus or in accommodation outside of university, we're here to help curious minds feel right at home.

On-campus living

Welcome to a truly immersive university experience. Students living on campus can walk to class and live with a community that centres around them and their education.

UQ St Lucia residential colleges

With their unique and historical connection to the University, our 10 residential colleges are an ideal on-campus home for everyone:

- Cromwell College
- Duchesne College
- Emmanuel College
- Grace College
- International House
- King's College
- St John's College
- St Leo's College
- The Women's College
- Union College

Living in a UQ college also means access to:

- a welcoming, collegial community
- 24/7 onsite staff support and pastoral care
- well-established academic communities and alumni networks
- inter-college sporting, cultural, community and social activities
- outstanding leadership, career mentoring and wellbeing programs.

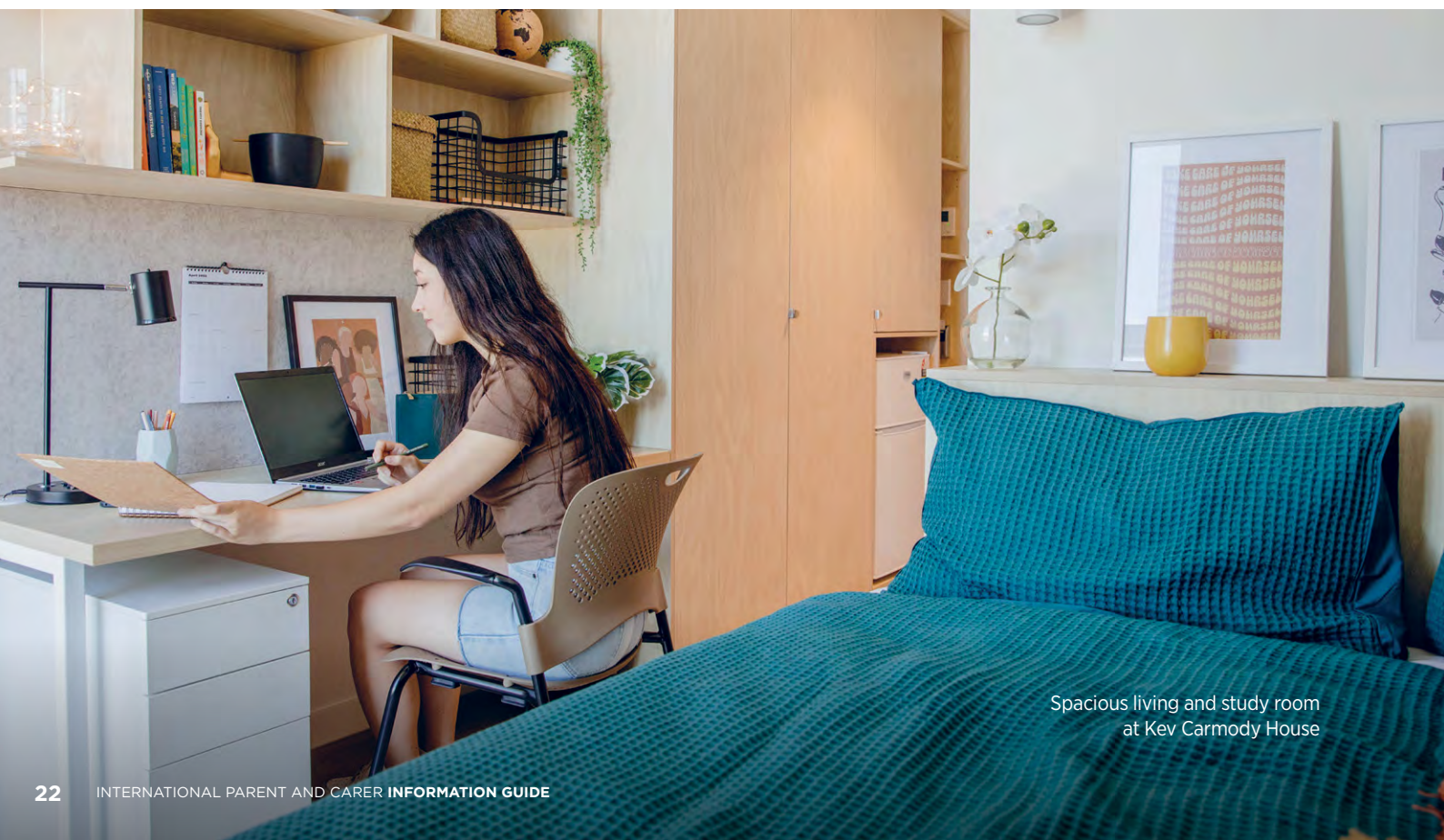
Gatton Halls of Residence

Those studying at Gatton stay in the Gatton Halls of Residence. With 436 rooms set among historic buildings and the beautiful outdoors of regional Queensland, The Halls have provided our students with a home since 1897.

Kev Carmody House

Kev Carmody House is UQ's new student residence exclusively for UQ students. Located in the heart of our St Lucia campus, Kev Carmody House has the convenience of being just minutes away from classes, and features:

- 610 light-filled and spacious one-bedroom rooms with ensuite bathrooms
- a wide range of social areas to cook and catch up with new friends
- world-class facilities, a stunning rooftop pool deck
- an engaging student life program.



Spacious living and study room at Kev Carmody House



Off-campus living

From city living in dedicated student accommodation to shared houses and apartments, there are options for students who want to branch out.

Purpose-built student accommodation

Students that reside at our recommended purpose-built student accommodation will live with international and domestic students from universities across Brisbane. A variety of studio, single-bedroom and twin-share options is available, often in central and inner-city locations. This style of accommodation is great for more independent living with onsite security and support.

UQ Accommodation team

Our UQ Accommodation team can help you find an ideal home for your child. The team offers free information sessions before classes start, and can also give advice, check documentation, and direct your child to useful material online.

my.uq.edu.au/student-support/accommodation

Guaranteed accommodation

When students apply through UQ Guaranteed Accommodation, they're able to secure accommodation prior to arriving in Brisbane and commencing studies at UQ. Find out more at: my.uq.edu.au/student-support/accommodation/guaranteed-accommodation



Booking accommodation

We strongly recommend to book accommodation through UQ's approved providers. Be wary of inexpensive accommodation advertised on platforms such as WeChat or Gumtree.

Accommodation can book out more than a year in advance. Rooms with private bathrooms are often in highest demand. Book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

What kind of accommodation is right for my child?

Features	On-campus residential colleges	UQ Res Kev Carmody House	Purpose-built student accommodation
On campus	✓	✓	—
Catered meals	✓	—	✓/—
24/7 onsite staff support	✓	✓	✓
Inner city/central locations	—	—	✓
Private rooms with ensuite bathrooms	✓/—	✓	✓/—
Self-contained apartments	—	—	✓
Female only	✓	—	—
Male only	✓	—	—
Co-ed (both men and women)	✓	✓	✓
Under 18s support	✓	✓	✓/—

✓/— These accommodation options may not have these features and may be subject to availability. Check with the provider to be sure.



Prepare for take-off

Moving to a new country is exciting - but there's a lot to organise before departure. It's important to plan your child's arrival so they can have a smooth transition to study.

Attend pre-departure events

UQ offers online pre-departure events to help students plan and prepare for their journey to UQ. Students who have accepted their offer will receive an invitation if an event is scheduled. You can also stay informed by visiting the UQ events page for the latest updates.

study.uq.edu.au/events

Getting prepared to come to Australia

Learn everything you and your child need to know about finding accommodation, enrolling in courses, Aussie culture, living on a student budget and working while studying. Information, resources and videos about pre-departures can be found at the Getting prepared to come to Australia webpage:

study.uq.edu.au/university-life/getting-prepared-to-come-to-australia

Pre-departure checklist

✓	Accept the student offer
	Obtain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) policy (UQ recommends Allianz Care)
	Apply for a Student visa
	Secure accommodation
	Plan finances and budget
	Open an Australian bank account
	Book flights
	Visit the Starting at UQ website for enrolment instructions and key dates
	Activate UQ student account
	Enrol in chosen courses
	Download helpful UQ apps (see back cover)
	Plan what to pack
	Book airport shuttle pickup

Airport welcome and shuttle service

Our International Student Welcome Crew will greet students at Brisbane International Airport during peak flight arrival times. Students new to UQ can use the UQ-provided complimentary airport shuttle service that drops off at students' accommodation in Brisbane and the Gatton campus.

my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/accommodation/accommodation-overview/international-student-airport-welcome-and-shuttle-service



Australian customs and quarantine laws

We know you want to ensure your child is well prepared for their overseas adventure, however, Australia has strict customs and quarantine laws. It is important that your family is aware of these laws before your child packs their luggage and departs. Home-cooked meals are not permitted to be brought into Australia.

We strongly recommend that you read the information on what you can and can't bring into Australia upon arrival to avoid having your child held up by customs and quarantine. For further information on what you can and can't bring into Australia, please visit: abf.gov.au/entering-and-leaving-australia/can-you-bring-it-in/overview



Download helpful UQ apps at: my.uq.edu.au/mobile-apps

Support your family's transition

Commencing university study overseas is an exciting, but challenging time for students and their families. However, there is a lot you can do as parents and carers to make this transition period easier for new students.



Plan for success

Encourage your child to attend all lectures and tutorials and create a weekly and semester study plan to reduce stress and stay on track. Encourage your child to ask questions and connect with others especially in the first few weeks.



Celebrate achievements

Acknowledging success is important. Celebrating small achievements and milestones throughout the study year will help students maintain a positive attitude and lift levels of motivation ahead of their next academic challenge.



Encourage discussion

Becoming familiar with the program, campus and university terminology can help open communication. Talk with your child about what they are looking forward to with their studies, any concerns they may have, and how you can help them.



Foster independence

Self-directed learning and help-seeking behaviours are critical skills for students to develop to be successful. Provide guidance for your child and let them know they have your support, however, take a step back where possible, for them to work things out on their own.



Living away from home

Ensure that they are set up to live away from home as much as possible by helping them organise all the necessary services and documents needed to reside in Australia, such as Overseas Student Health Cover, bank account, Tax File Number and relevant phone apps for maps and public transport. A driver's licence and a certified copy of their birth certificate are also useful as extra ID.



Maintain a positive attitude

It is common for students to worry about making new friends, the difficulty of their program or their ability to get everything done and succeed with good marks. Try to not rush in and 'fix' things if your child is expressing that they are going through a challenging time. Providing a positive, encouraging outlook can be helpful to support students through these periods.



Understand transition challenges

Even high-achieving students can face challenges: relocating to a new country, forming new social networks, maintaining health and wellbeing and becoming independent learners can be very stressful. Be supportive and encourage a healthy routine with regular study breaks, sleep, exercise and healthy eating.



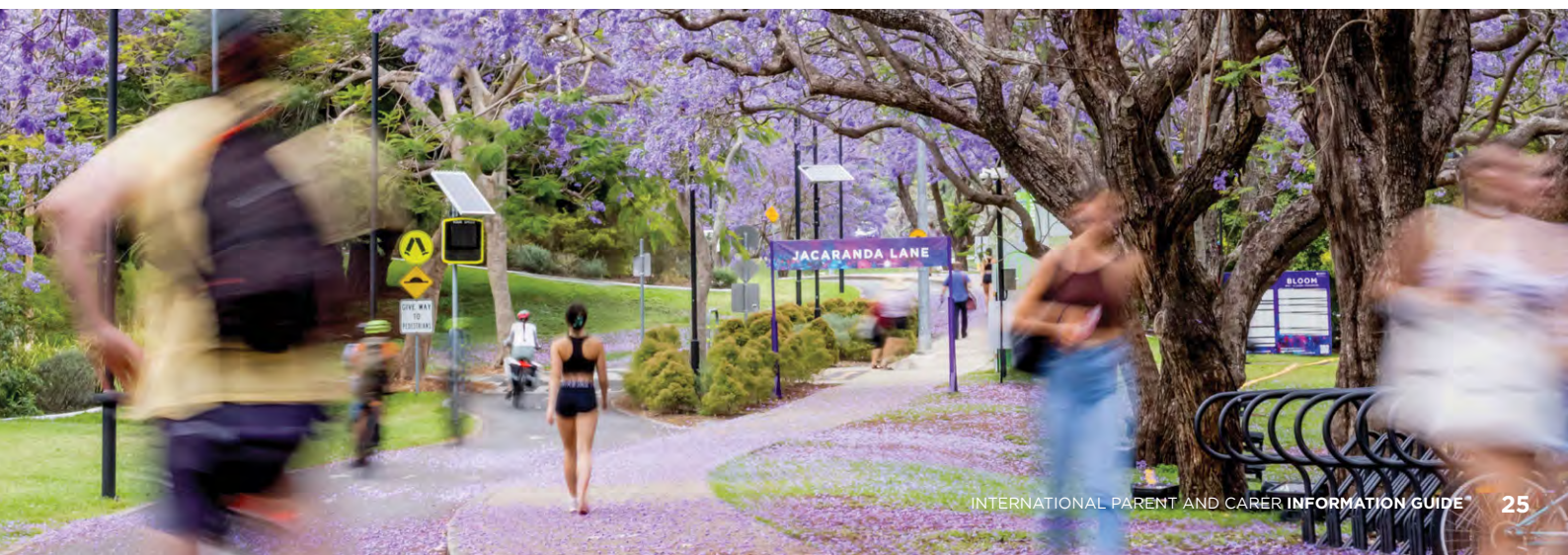
Be flexible

There are times in the academic calendar when students really need to devote more time to their studies, especially when assignments are due and during exam periods. You can assist by arranging visits or family holidays to coincide with 'quiet' times in the academic year, so students don't miss out on important events.



What about you?

Consider your own transition as a parent or carer during this time. It will be a new beginning for you too and the ending of an era for your family. Your child will have learned and grown up in many ways you may not expect when you next see them again. You have done your best to raise your child to prepare for this moment and now it is time to let them fly.



Common concerns and frequently asked questions

Q: How does UQ ensure the safety and wellbeing of its students?

A: UQ prioritises student safety and wellbeing through a range of measures. The campus is monitored by 24/7 security patrols, with emergency support readily available. On-campus health services provide both medical and mental health care, ensuring students have access to necessary support. UQ has established clear emergency procedures, including regular drills, to maintain a safe environment. Additionally, wellbeing programs offer resources for mental health, stress management and overall wellness. Specialised services are also available to support students with disabilities and additional needs.

Q: Is it expensive to live in Brisbane?

A: Living expenses for international students in Brisbane are estimated to range between \$27,000 and \$29,000 per year. This includes costs such as accommodation, food, transportation and other personal expenses, but actual costs may vary depending on lifestyle choices and accommodation type. The Australian Department of Home Affairs advises students to have at least \$29,710 per year to cover living costs while studying in Australia.

Q: How much does accommodation cost?

A: The cost of accommodation at UQ varies depending on the type of residence. On-campus residential colleges at the St Lucia campus ranged from \$513 to \$750 per week in 2024, offering packages that include meals, academic support and social activities. UQ residences range from \$339 to \$378 per week, providing more independent living options. Off-campus accommodation costs can vary widely based on a student's chosen suburb and lifestyle preferences. For more details, visit study.uq.edu.au/university-life/living-in-queensland/cost-living.

Q: Are there any scholarships available for international students?

A: UQ offers a range of scholarships to help international students fund their tertiary education. We have scholarships for a diverse range of criteria – such as academic excellence, sporting excellence, creative excellence and much more. There are also opportunities for students from specific international countries or regions. To explore the available scholarships, eligibility criteria and application deadlines visit scholarships.uq.edu.au.

Q: Do student need to speak English fluently to study at UQ?

A: All programs at UQ are taught in English. The standard English requirement for admission to UQ programs is an IELTS score of 6.5 overall, with no sub-band below 6.0 or equivalent. UQ programs have either 'Minimum' or 'Higher-than-minimum' English language requirements. If a student meets their preferred program's academic requirements but NOT the English language proficiency requirements, they can apply for a English language pathway program at UQ's English language and pathways institute, UQ College: uqcollege.uq.edu.au.

Q: Who can we speak with at UQ to find out more about UQ's programs and study in Australia?

A: You can find everything you need to know on study.uq.edu.au. If you would like to speak with someone, contact us via the Send us an enquiry webpage and we'll get back to you: study.uq.edu.au/contact/enquiry.

Q: What is the application process for undergraduate programs?

A: Students can submit their application directly to UQ via our online application portal or through an approved UQ agent in their region. When submitting an application, you will need to pay a non-refundable application fee of \$150 per application. To be considered for the desired program, students must meet the academic, English language and prerequisite subject requirements for the program. Some programs have additional requirements, such as interviews or aptitude tests.

Q: What are the most popular programs at UQ for international students?

A: At UQ, international students can choose from over 300 programs across a wide range of disciplines. Some of the most popular programs include those in Business and Management, Engineering, Health Sciences, Environmental Studies, Education, Law, Information Technology and Computer Science, Social Sciences, Humanities, and the Arts. These programs are particularly sought after due to UQ's strong global reputation, academic excellence, and promising career outcomes. With such a diverse array of programs, UQ provides international students with numerous options to pursue their academic and professional goals.

Q: Is it difficult to pass subjects and graduate from UQ?

A: Passing subjects and graduating from UQ can vary in difficulty depending on the program and individual circumstances. Success largely depends on personal study habits, preparation and the use of available support services. UQ offers a range of resources to help students succeed, including study skills workshops, tutoring and academic advice. Effective time management, active engagement in coursework and seeking help when needed are key factors that can significantly contribute to achieving academic goals at UQ. For more information and resources, please visit our Study skills and learning advice webpage: my.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/student-support/study-skills.

Q: Can I contact the university to speak about my child's application or their university results?

A: Due to Australia's privacy and data laws, we cannot release private information of our students such as grades or application information to anyone but the student, even parents.

Q: How many students will be in my child's classes?

A: Class sizes at UQ vary depending on the course and level. First-year programs often feature large lectures, which are typically complemented by smaller tutorials or practical sessions to provide personalised interaction and support. This structure ensures students have ample opportunities to engage directly with lecturers and peers, fostering a supportive learning environment.

Q: What are the job prospects for UQ graduates in Australia and internationally?

A: UQ graduates enjoy strong job prospects both in Australia and internationally. UQ is highly regarded globally, with a reputation for producing skilled and knowledgeable professionals. UQ alumni are competitive in the job market, with many securing successful careers across a wide range of industries around the world. The University's extensive network and industry connections further enhance opportunities for graduates, making them well-prepared for global career success.

Q: When is the best time to visit my child?

A: To support your child's focus on studies during the semester and exam periods, we recommend scheduling visits or trips home during the mid-year winter break (June to July) or the summer break (December to February).

Glossary of terms

000: Also known as Triple Zero, is the primary national emergency phone number in Australia. It is used to contact Police, Fire or Ambulance services in life-threatening or emergency situations.

Agent: Education agents are the individual counsellors assisting overseas students.

ANZAC Day: A public holiday in Australia on April 25th, commemorating the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who fought in World War I.

Application closing dates: Standard application closing dates for the majority of UQ programs are as follows:

Semester 1: 30 November of previous year

Semester 2: 31 May of same year

Some programs have non-standard closing dates. You can find this information on the program's webpage on study.uq.edu.au.

Census Date: The last date to cancel enrolment in a course without incurring financial liability.

Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE):

An official document issued by an Australian educational institution to confirm a student's enrolment in a program, required for applying for a Student visa.

Conditional offer: A conditional offer from UQ means that a student has been accepted into a program, but they need to meet certain requirements before their place is confirmed. These requirements are typically based on past exam results or other academic achievements.

Core content: The primary subjects and topics covered in a course, which are essential for understanding the course material.

Course: A discrete component of study (often called a 'subject') within a program for which a grade is given.

Credit (Grade 5): A grade representing 65% - 74% achievement.

Distinction (Grade 6): A grade representing 75% - 84% achievement.

Employability: The development of abilities and mindsets to perform effectively in the workplace, create opportunities, make an impact and succeed in various career paths.

English Language Proficiency (ELP):

The ability of an individual to communicate competently in English.

go card: A go card is an electronic smartcard ticketing system used on the Translink public transport network in South-East Queensland.

High Distinction (Grade 7): The highest possible grade for a course, representing 85% - 100% achievement.

Lecture: A lecture is a formal teaching session where an instructor presents course material to a large group of students. Lectures are designed to provide an overview of key concepts, theories, and information related to the course.

Marginal Fail (Grade 3): A grade below 50%, but may be eligible for supplementary assessment.

Mid-semester Break: A break in the middle of the semester, typically around 2 weeks long.

Mid-year Break: A longer break in the middle of the academic year, around 4 weeks long.

Non-tuition fees: Additional fees paid to the University, including student services and amenities fees, health insurance and accommodation costs.

O-Week (Orientation Week): The week at the beginning of the semester where new students are introduced to university life, attend welcome sessions and participate in social events.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC): OSHC is a type of health insurance required for international students studying in Australia. It helps cover the costs of medical care they might need during their stay.

Pass (Grade 4): A grade representing 50% - 64% achievement.

Pre-departure: Refers to the preparation process international students undergo before traveling to their study destination. This process ensures students are well-prepared for their new academic and living environment.

Program: A sequence of study leading to the award of a qualification such as a degree, diploma, certificate or higher degree by research.

Provisional offer: A provisional offer means that you have an offer for a program provided you complete a certain set of requirements. You cannot accept your offer until these requirements are fulfilled.

Revision and Examination Period:

A designated period for students to review course material and complete final exams.

Student Visa (Subclass 500): A visa allowing international students to study full-time in registered courses in Australia.

Supplementary Assessment: An additional assessment opportunity given to students who narrowly fail a course, allowing them to pass the course upon successful completion.

SWOTVAC (Study Without Teaching Vacation): A study week with no formal classes, typically used by students to prepare for final exams.

Tax File Number (TFN): Is a unique identifier issued by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to each tax paying entity, such as individuals, companies, superannuation funds, partnerships or trusts.

Translink: Is the public transport agency for Queensland, Australia. It manages and coordinates the public transport network across the state, including buses, trains, ferries and trams.

Tuition Fees: Fees charged by the University for coursework award programs, varying by program and academic year.

Tutorial: A small group learning session run by a tutor. These sessions are designed to help students explore and understand course material presented in lectures.

UQ Graduate Attributes: The qualities that The University of Queensland aims to develop in its graduates, including being accomplished scholars, courageous thinkers, connected citizens, culturally capable, influential communicators and respectful leaders.

Unconditional offer: An unconditional offer means a student has an offer for a program without needing to meet any further academic requirements.

Under 18 International Student Supervision Program: A compulsory program for international students under 18 years of age, providing additional support and ensuring their safety and wellbeing while studying in Australia.



Study enquiries

Further information and resources for parents and guardians can be found online.
study.uq.edu.au/information-resources/parents-guardians

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