General Information
How to use the 2008 Student Handbook

The Student Handbook has been divided into six main sections to ensure that information is easily accessible. These sections include:

1. General Information (Principal Dates, Contact Information etc.)
2. Faculties of the University
3. Student Services and Information
4. Course Information
5. Unit Information
6. Rules

Tables of contents are at the beginning of each of these six sections.

Do you want to find a course?

If you know the name of the course you are interested in…. → Turn to the first page of the Course Information section (page 36) where you will find an alphabetical listing of all courses

Course details include such important information as the course code, the campus where the course is taught, its duration, course rules, and the schedule of units which need to be studied.

Do you want to find details of individual units that form part of a course?

If you know the name of the unit you are interested in…. → Turn to the Index of unit names on page 346

If you know the unit code and want to find details of the unit….. → Turn to the Unit Descriptions by Unit Code on page 369

You should always take account of course and unit availability when planning our studies.

You can check the availability of both courses and units by viewing the Schedule of Units on the SCU website at [www.scu.edu.au/scheduleofunits](http://www.scu.edu.au/scheduleofunits).
Do you want to find out about a particular rule?

| If the issue is general in nature relating to University policy on admissions, enrolment, assessment rules, fees and charges, then…. | Turn to the Rules section of the Student Handbook on page 501 |
| If the issue is more course specific, and therefore may not be applicable to all courses, then…. | Turn to the Course Details for your course (a Course Information index is provided on page 36) where you will find details of the specific course rules. |

To get the full picture, you should refer to both the Rules section in the Student Handbook and the specific course rules detailed under the relevant course entry.

Further information about University governance and rules can be found in the 2008 Calendar. The Calendar is an online publication and can be found at [www.scu.edu.au/calendar](http://www.scu.edu.au/calendar).
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Faculties of the University

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# Summary of 2008 Principal Dates and Teaching Weeks

## ACADEMIC YEAR

### First Semester
- Classes: 25 February – 20 June
- Study Week: 24 March – 28 March
- Examinations: 24 March – 28 March
- Non-Teaching Weeks: 31 March – 30 May
- Study Week: 2 June – 6 June
- Classes: 9 June – 20 June
- Study Week: 21 July – 18 July
- Classes: 21 July – 30 May
- Study Week: 25 February – 20 March
- Classes: 21 January – 18 April
- Study Week: 21 January – 2 May
- Classes: 21 January – 18 April
- Study Week: 21 January – 2 May

### Second Semester
- Classes: 12 May – 22 August
- Examinations: 12 May – 22 August
- Non-Teaching Weeks: 12 May – 22 August
- Study Week: 2 June – 6 June
- Classes: 31 March – 30 May
- Study Week: 5 May – 9 May
- Classes: 31 March – 30 May
- Study Week: 24 March – 28 March
- Classes: 21 January – 2 May
- Study Week: 21 January – 2 May
- Classes: 21 January – 2 May
- Study Week: 21 January – 2 May

### Trimester A
- Classes: 21 January – 2 May
- Examinations: 21 January – 2 May
- Non-Teaching Week: 5 May – 9 May
- Classes: 12 May – 22 August
- Examinations: 12 May – 22 August
- Non-Teaching Weeks: 25 August – 29 August
- Classes: 21 January – 2 May
- Study Week: 21 January – 2 May
- Classes: 21 January – 2 May
- Study Week: 24 March – 28 March
- Classes: 21 January – 2 May
- Study Week: 21 January – 2 May
- Classes: 21 January – 2 May
- Study Week: 24 March – 28 March

### Trimester B
- Classes: 21 January – 2 May
- Examinations: 21 January – 2 May
- Non-Teaching Week: 5 May – 9 May
- Classes: 12 May – 22 August
- Examinations: 12 May – 22 August
- Non-Teaching Weeks: 25 August – 29 August
- Classes: 21 January – 2 May
- Study Week: 21 January – 2 May
- Classes: 21 January – 2 May
- Study Week: 24 March – 28 March
- Classes: 21 January – 2 May
- Study Week: 21 January – 2 May
- Classes: 21 January – 2 May
- Study Week: 24 March – 28 March

### Trimester C
- Classes: 1 September – 12 December
- Examinations: 1 September – 12 December
- Non-Teaching Weeks: 25 August – 29 August
- Classes: 1 September – 12 December
- Examinations: 1 September – 12 December
- Non-Teaching Weeks: 25 August – 29 August
- Classes: 1 September – 12 December
- Examinations: 1 September – 12 December
- Non-Teaching Weeks: 25 August – 29 August

## TEACHING WEEKS

### First Semester
- Week 1: 25 February – 29 February
- Week 2: 3 March – 7 March
- Week 3: 10 March – 14 March
- Week 4: 17 March – 21 March
- Week 5: 24 March – 28 March
- Week 6: 31 March – 4 April
- Week 7: 7 April – 11 April
- Week 8: 14 April – 18 April
- Week 9: 21 April – 25 April
- Week 10: 28 April – 2 May
- Week 11: 5 May – 9 May
- Week 12: 12 May – 16 May
- Week 13: 19 May – 23 May
- Week 14: 26 May – 30 May
- Week 15: 2 June – 6 June
- Week 16: 9 June – 13 June
- Week 17: 16 June – 20 June

### Second Semester
- Week 1: 21 July – 25 July
- Week 2: 28 July – 1 August
- Week 3: 4 August – 8 August
- Week 4: 11 August – 15 August
- Week 5: 18 August – 22 August
- Week 6: 25 August – 29 August
- Week 7: 1 September – 5 September
- Week 8: 8 September – 12 September
- Week 9: 15 September – 19 September
- Week 10: 22 September – 26 September
- Week 11: 29 September – 3 October
- Week 12: 6 October – 10 October
- Week 13: 13 October – 17 October
- Week 14: 20 October – 24 October
- Week 15: 27 October – 31 October
- Week 16: 3 November – 7 November
- Week 17: 10 November – 14 November

## Trimester A
- Week 1: 21 January – 25 January
- Week 2: 28 January – 1 February
- Week 3: 4 February – 8 February
- Week 4: 11 February – 15 February
- Week 5: 18 February – 22 February
- Week 6: 25 February – 29 February
- Week 7: 3 March – 7 March
- Week 8: 10 March – 14 March
- Week 9: 17 March – 21 March
- Week 10: 24 March – 28 March
- Week 11: 31 March – 4 April
- Week 12: 7 April – 11 April
- Week 13: 14 April – 18 April
- Week 14: 21 April – 25 April
- Week 15: 28 April – 2 May

## Trimester B
- Week 1: 21 January – 25 January
- Week 2: 28 January – 1 February
- Week 3: 4 February – 8 February
- Week 4: 11 February – 15 February
- Week 5: 18 February – 22 February
- Week 6: 25 February – 29 February
- Week 7: 3 March – 7 March
- Week 8: 10 March – 14 March
- Week 9: 17 March – 21 March
- Week 10: 24 March – 28 March
- Week 11: 31 March – 4 April
- Week 12: 7 April – 11 April
- Week 13: 14 April – 18 April
- Week 14: 21 April – 25 April
- Week 15: 28 April – 2 May

## Trimester C
- Week 1: 1 September – 12 December
- Week 2: 1 September – 12 December
- Week 3: 1 September – 12 December
- Week 4: 1 September – 12 December
- Week 5: 1 September – 12 December
- Week 6: 1 September – 12 December
- Week 7: 1 September – 12 December
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† Study Week
# Examinations
Principal Dates for 2008

The academic year is divided into semesters and trimesters.

Semesters

Each semester is of 17 weeks duration (numbered 1–17). Each semester comprises 13 teaching weeks, 2 non–teaching weeks and 2 assessment weeks. Asian Semesters commence later than standard semesters, but are identical in length and format. For standard semesters, a 4-week recess occurs between first and second semesters. The summer recess extends from early-November to late February.

Trimesters

There are 3 trimesters (A, B and C), each of 15 weeks duration (numbered 1–15). Each trimester comprises 13 teaching weeks and 2 assessment weeks. Asian Trimesters commence later than standard trimesters, but are identical in length and format. For standard trimesters, a non-teaching week occurs between each trimester. A five-week recess occurs from mid-December to late January.

Principal Dates

| January | 1 | New Years Day Holiday |
|        | 14 | Trimester C 2007 grades published on web |
|        | 21 | Trimester A Commences |
|        | 28 | Australia Day Holiday |
| February | 4-8 | Summer Session and Special Exams |
|          | 8 | Summer Session Ends |
|          | 11 | Census date – Trimester A |
|          | 18-22 | Orientation |
|          | 25 | First Semester Commences |
|          | 25 | Summer Session grades published on web |
| March | 16 | Final day for withdrawal without failure – Trimester A units |
|        | 21 | Good Friday |
|        | 24 | Easter Monday |
|        | 24-28 | Study Week |
|        | 31 | First Semester Census Date – HECS-HELP liability assessed |
|        | 31 | Final day for withdrawal from First Semester course/unit without incurring HECS-HELP liability |
| April | 9 | Graduation Ceremony, Sydney |
|        | 25 | Anzac Day Holiday |
| 21-2 May | 2 | Trimester A Examinations |
| May | 2 | Trimester A Ends |
|        | 2-3 | Graduation Ceremonies, Lismore |
|        | 4 | Final day for withdrawal without failure – First Semester |
|        | 5-9 | Trimester Non Teaching Week |
|        | 12 | Trimester B Commences |
|        | 12 | Trimester A grades published on web |
|        | 30 | First Semester Lectures Cease |
|        | 31 | Graduation Ceremony, Coffs Harbour |
| June | 2-6 | Study Week |
|        | 2 | Census date – Trimester B |
|        | 9-20 | First Semester Examinations |
|        | 9 | Queen’s Birthday Holiday |
|        | 20 | First Semester Ends |
|        | 23-18 July | Semester mid year non teaching period |
| July | 6 | Final day for withdrawal without failure – Trimester B units |
|        | 7 | Semester I grades published on web |
|        | 21 | Second Semester Commences |
| August | 11–22 | Trimester B Examinations |
|        | 22 | Trimester B Ends |
|        | 25-29 | Trimester Non teaching week |
|        | 31 | Second Semester Census Date – HECS-HELP liability assessed |
|        | 31 | Final day for withdrawal from Second Semester course/unit without incurring HECS-HELP liability |
| September | 1 | Trimester C Commences |
|        | 1 | Trimester B grades published on web |
|        | 20 | Graduation Ceremony, Lismore |
|        | 22 | Census date – Trimester C |
|        | 28 | Final day for withdrawal without failure – Second Semester units |
|        | 29-3 Oct | Study Week |
| October | 6 | Labour Day Holiday |
|        | 24 | Second Semester Lectures Cease |
|        | 27-31 | Study Week |
|        | 26 | Final day for withdrawal without failure – Trimester C units |
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November 3-14  Semester 2 Examinations
14 Second Semester Ends
17 Summer Session commences

December 1 Semester 2 grades published on web.
1-12 Trimester C Examinations
12 Trimester C Ends

Principal Dates – Notes

1. Bachelor of Nursing

Clinical Practicum requirement:
Practicum may be rostered from The Hunter to The Tweed. Students are able to enter practicum preferences via the web-based rostering system and database (SONIA) that allocates preferences and generates rosters for the clinical component of the Bachelor of Nursing. Students are only required to attend one cohort of each practicum:

First year students
Semester I Clinical Nursing I: one(1) week block clinical practicum.
Cohort I Commencing 2nd June
Cohort II Commencing 9th June
Semester II Clinical Nursing II: two (2) week block clinical practicum.
Cohort I Commencing 13th October
Cohort II Commencing 27th October

Second year students
Semester I Clinical Nursing III: has a three (3) week block clinical practicum
Cohort I Commencing 16th June
Cohort II Commencing 7th July
Semester II Clinical Nursing IV: has a three (3) week block clinical practicum
Cohort I Commencing 10th November
Cohort II Commencing 1st December
(subject to change based on 2008 principal dates)

Third year students
Clinical Nursing V: has a six (6 ) week block clinical practicum
Cohort I Commencing 10th March
Cohort II Commencing 21st April
Clinical Nursing VI: has a five (5 ) week block clinical practicum
Cohort I Commencing 4th August
Cohort II Commencing 8th September

2. Education Professional Experience Dates:

Graduate Diploma of Education
Bachelor of Education (Secondary)
Bachelor of Technology Education – Third year
Combined Degrees – Third year

TCH10000 Professional Experience I
• 3 curriculum immersion days - commencing 7 March*
• 5 school experience visiting days - commencing 28 April*
• 20 day teaching block - 26 May - 20 June*

TCH10001 Professional Experience II
• 3 school experience visiting days - commencing 22 September*
• 20 day teaching block - 13 October - 7 November*
* Draft dates - to be confirmed.

Bachelor of Education (Secondary) #
Combined Degree - Fourth year #

TCH10002 School Internship
• 1 visiting day (tba)
• 35 day teaching placement (either a 7 week block or across 9 weeks school Term 3 - July to September) #
# Conditions will apply. To be negotiated between School of Education and student

Bachelor of Education (Primary)
Professional Experience I
10 school experience days
10 day teaching block
Professional Experience II:
5 school experience days
15 day teaching block
Professional Experience III:
5 school experience days
20 day teaching block
Professional Experience IV:
5 school experience days
25 day teaching block

Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) - TBA

PLEASE NOTE:
Professional Experience Placement Dates are currently being reviewed for 2008 - All dates to be advised.