



**Southern
Cross
University**

Going to University Guide 2025

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Why should I go to university?

Going to university can change your life. It can set you up to earn a higher income – on average university graduates earn significantly more than those without a university qualification* – and it's also a whole lot of fun. University enables you to learn the skills for a rewarding career, while meeting people and being exposed to ideas that can take your life in all sorts of inspiring and fantastic directions.



Earn a higher salary



Get the career you want



Have fun and meet new people



Be independent



Develop skills for life



* Australian Bureau of Statistics 2023

About Southern Cross University

Southern Cross University is a multi-campus university on Australia's east coast. Our main campuses are located at the Gold Coast in Queensland and in the Northern Rivers and at Coffs Harbour in NSW.

The regions we call home all have unique characteristics as study locations – from cosmopolitan cities, thriving industries and coastal lifestyles to living laboratories of great natural beauty and ecological diversity, right next to the campus.



Multi-campus university



78,000+ graduates



18,000+ students

Our campuses

Coffs Harbour, Northern Rivers, Gold Coast



Lifestyle locations



On-campus Health Clinic



Innovation labs



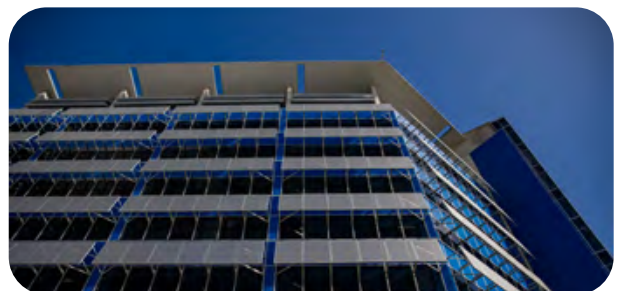
Fitness centres

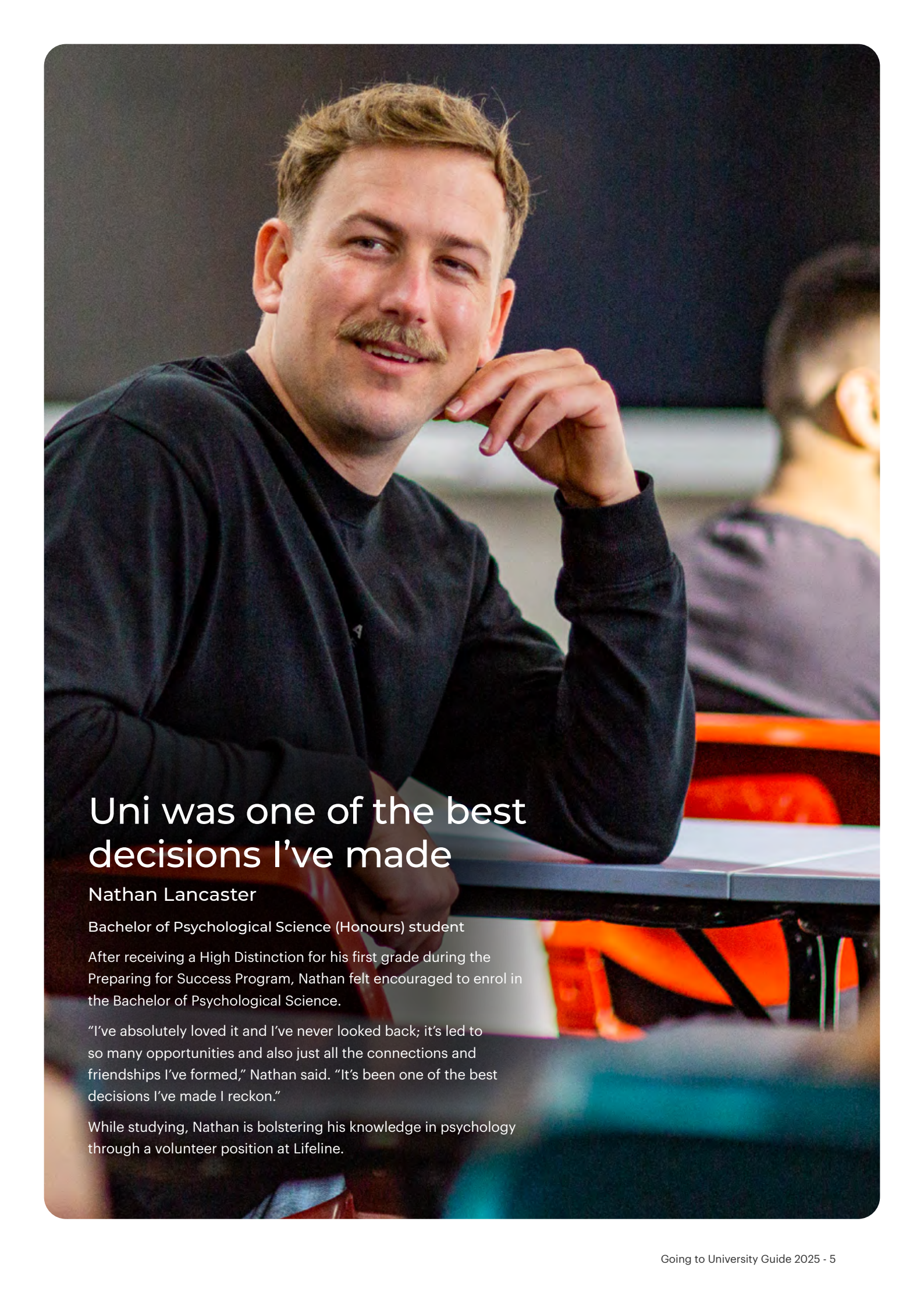


State-of-the-art facilities



On-campus accommodation





Uni was one of the best decisions I've made

Nathan Lancaster

Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) student

After receiving a High Distinction for his first grade during the Preparing for Success Program, Nathan felt encouraged to enrol in the Bachelor of Psychological Science.

"I've absolutely loved it and I've never looked back; it's led to so many opportunities and also just all the connections and friendships I've formed," Nathan said. "It's been one of the best decisions I've made I reckon."

While studying, Nathan is bolstering his knowledge in psychology through a volunteer position at Lifeline.

Consider your options

University is a big commitment – take the time to explore your options. There are loads of resources out there to help you. Think about what you enjoy doing, what subjects you have always been naturally interested in and what kinds of jobs you think you would enjoy and be good at.



Talk to your school's career adviser, brainstorm with friends



Do online research about the jobs that interest you



Do work experience in a place where you'd like to work



Go to career expos



Register with our future students team



Check joboutlook.gov.au – see where the jobs of the future will be.

So... What's uni really like?

You'll discover that Southern Cross University isn't just about study. It's a lifestyle. Whether you study on campus or online, you will be in control of your study and will be treated like an adult. There are no bells and no uniforms, and some classes don't keep record of attendance.

You will be responsible for your own learning, deadlines and juggling the demands of multiple units (subjects). You'll also need to be able to work independently and with other students.

Time commitments

The time commitment required at university varies depending on your course of study. Typically, as a full-time student doing 2 units per term, you can expect to do up to 45 hours of study each week, including a mix of face-to-face and self-access learning.

Take the stress out of Year 12 with an Early Offer

Would you like to be offered a place at Southern Cross University before your ATAR results come out?

The Early Offer program enables Year 12 students to gain early admission to the University on the basis of their academic performance at school and their school's recommendation.

Interested?

For details and application info visit:

scu.edu.au/early-offer

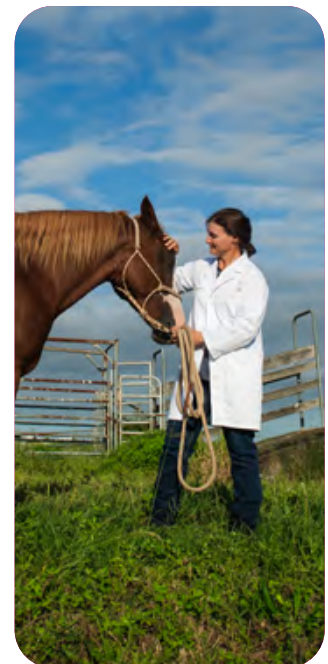


Which degree is right for me?

Things that inspire me...	I'd love to work as a...	Consider these degrees	High school subjects to consider
Helping people and fostering relationships	Policy adviser Social worker Mental health or community worker Alcohol and drug rehabilitation counsellor Child protection, disability and domestic violence worker or advocate Youth worker Trauma counsellor	Bachelor of Community Welfare Bachelor of Psychological Science Bachelor of Social Work Bachelor of Counselling	English, Aboriginal Studies, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), Society and Culture, Legal Studies, Community and Family Studies
Human rights and social justice	Barrister Lawyer in family, criminal or corporate law, conveyancing, environmental, entertainment or sporting law Legal aid representative Criminologist	Bachelor of Laws Or consider a double degree: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Laws	Legal Studies, English, Maths, Business Studies, Society and Culture, Community and Family Studies, Modern History
Standing up for people's rights or ideas	Paralegal Legal and/or policy adviser Property conveyancer (NSW) Court administration officer Law enforcement support	Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge Diploma of Legal Studies Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice)	Legal Studies, English, Maths, Business Studies, Society and Culture, Community and Family Studies, Modern History
Understanding how the world works	Mechanical engineer Civil engineer Robotics developer Alternative energy engineer Environmental engineer Hydrology expert Site supervisor or project manager	Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours) specialising in: Civil Engineering or Mechanical Engineering. Associate Degree in Engineering Diploma of Engineering Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours), Bachelor of Business	Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Earth and Environmental Science, Engineering Studies, Biology

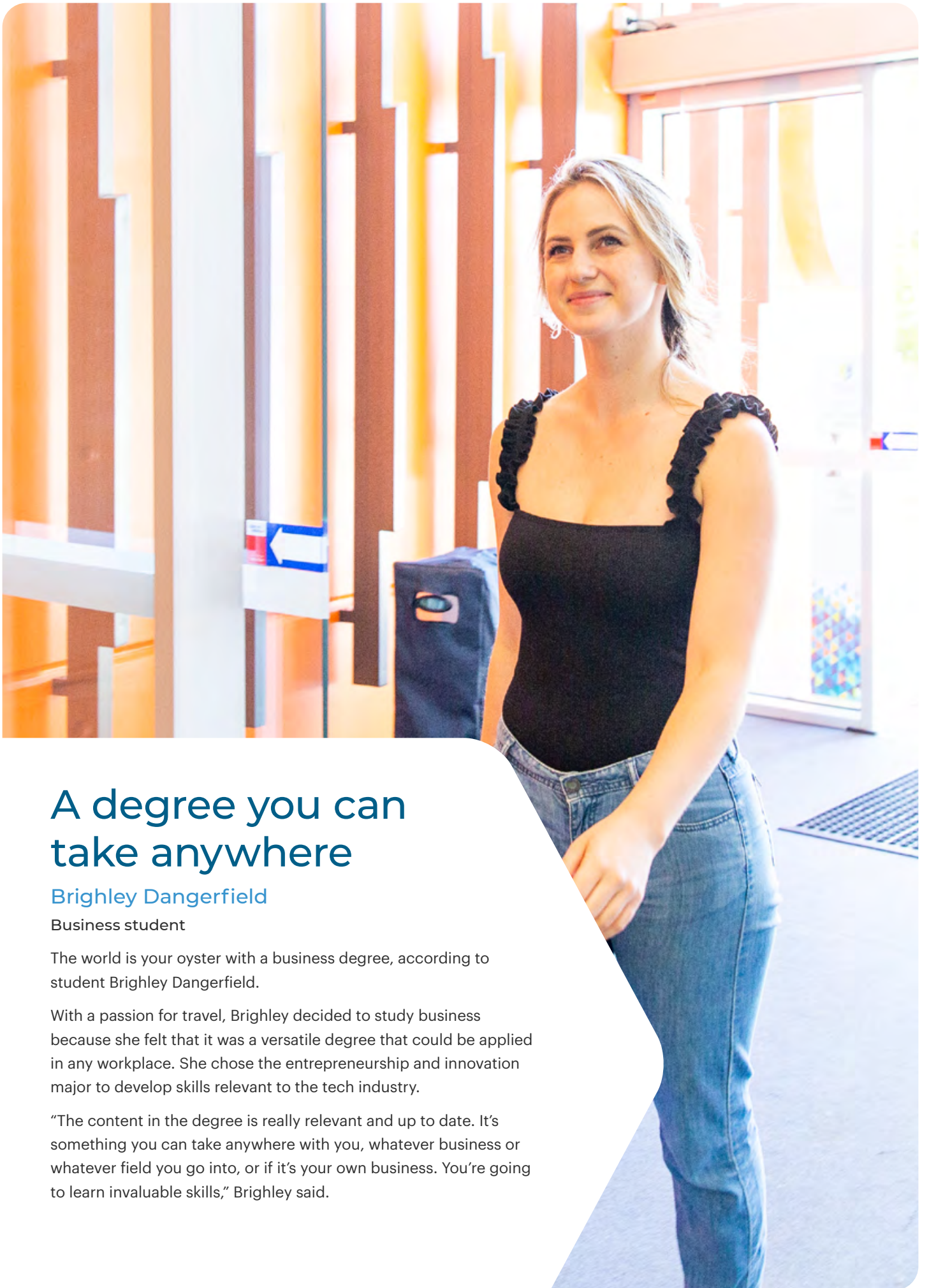


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Discovery and scientific enquiry	<p>Biologist Ecologist Health scientist or laboratory and field assistant Environmental officer Sustainability consultant Scientist Resources adviser</p>	<p>Bachelor of Science specialising in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth and Environmental Systems • Marine Systems • Earth and Environmental Systems and Marine Systems (double specialisation) • Regenerative Agriculture <p>Or with a major in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Chemistry • Applied Mathematics and Physics • Biology <p>Diploma of Health Diploma of Science Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture</p>	Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Maths
Working with animals	<p>Veterinary Technologist Wildlife carer Farmer Laboratory technician</p>	Bachelor of Veterinary Technology	Biology, Chemistry, Maths
Innovative and interactive technologies	<p>Web or app developer Software engineer Systems administrator Cyber security expert User experience designer Technical support</p>	<p>Bachelor of Information Technology Or consider the Bachelor of Education specialising in Technology for teaching IT in schools Or a double degree: Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Business</p>	English, Maths, Information Processes and Technology, Software Design and Development



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Teaching and working with children	<p>Primary school teacher</p> <p>Early childhood educator</p> <p>After school care coordinator</p> <p>Outdoor educator</p>	<p>Bachelor of Education specialising in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary • Early Childhood/Primary • Primary/Secondary <p>Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Arts specialising in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Writing • Humanities • Social Sciences. <p>Bachelor of Early Childhood Education</p> <p>Diploma of Education</p>	English, Maths, Science
Helping young people reach their potential	<p>Secondary school teacher</p> <p>Technology and Applied Studies (TAS) teacher in secondary school</p>	<p>Bachelor of Education with specialisation in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary • Primary/Secondary Technology <p>Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Arts specialising in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Writing • Humanities • Social Sciences 	English, Maths, Science
Strategy, planning and evaluating risks	<p>Accountant</p> <p>Marketing executive or consultant</p> <p>Public relations manager</p> <p>Human resource manager</p> <p>Product manager</p> <p>Financial planner</p> <p>Banker</p> <p>Digital marketing specialist</p> <p>Business analyst</p>	<p>Bachelor of Business</p> <p>Or consider these double degrees:</p> <p>Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business</p> <p>Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Business</p> <p>Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours), Bachelor of Business</p> <p>Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Business</p>	Business Studies, English, Economics, Information Processes and Technology, Legal Studies, Economics, Maths





A degree you can take anywhere

Brighley Dangerfield

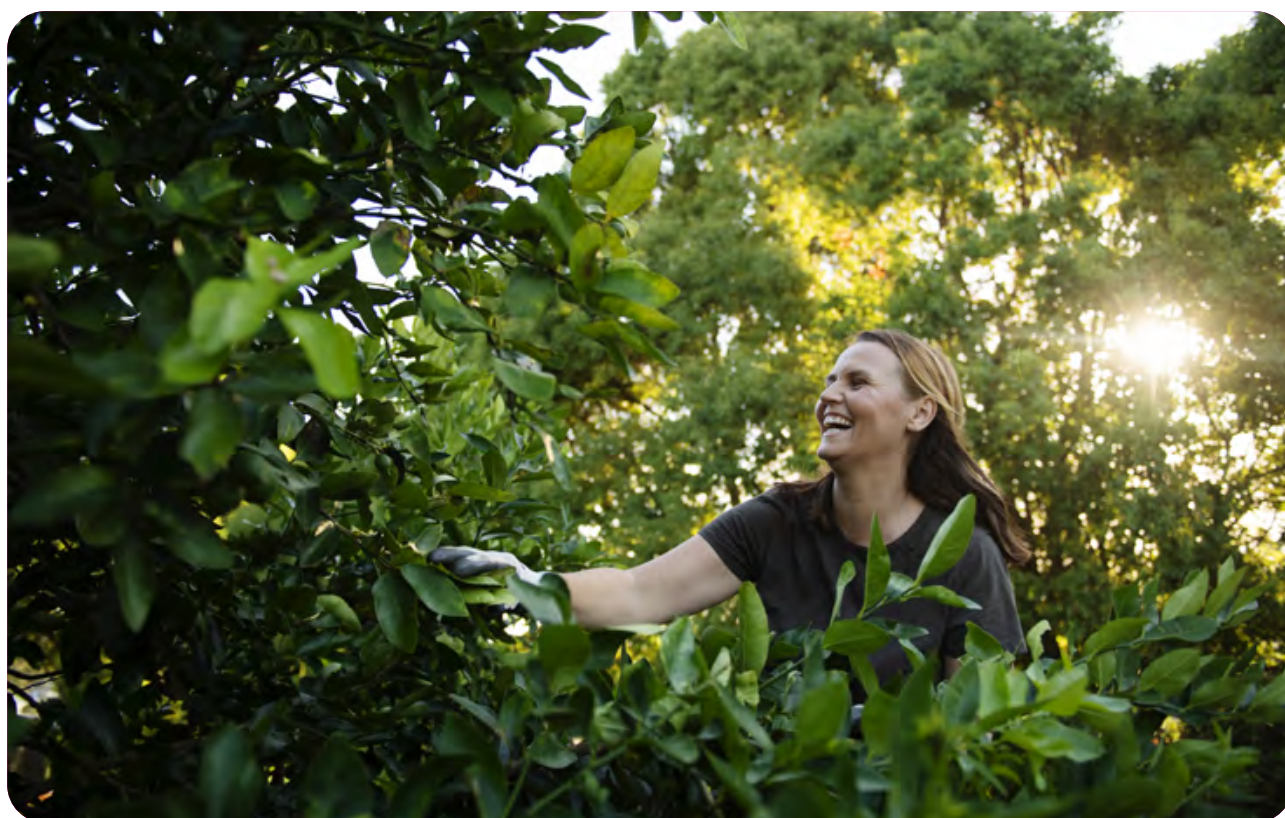
Business student

The world is your oyster with a business degree, according to student Brighley Dangerfield.

With a passion for travel, Brighley decided to study business because she felt that it was a versatile degree that could be applied in any workplace. She chose the entrepreneurship and innovation major to develop skills relevant to the tech industry.

“The content in the degree is really relevant and up to date. It’s something you can take anywhere with you, whatever business or whatever field you go into, or if it’s your own business. You’re going to learn invaluable skills,” Brighley said.

Things that inspire me...	I'd love to work as a...	Consider these degrees	High school subjects to consider
A cleaner and greener future	Environmental consultant or scientist Marine scientist Aquaculturalist Fisheries manager Sustainability consultant	Bachelor of Science specialising in: Earth and Environmental Systems Marine Systems Earth and Environmental Systems and Marine Systems (double specialisation) Regenerative Agriculture	Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Maths, Earth and Environmental Science, Physics, Engineering Studies, Agriculture, Industrial Technology
Seeing the world and working with people	Hotel or resort manager Ecotourism operator Tour guide Event organiser Destination planner Travel agent Tourism operator or marketer Food and beverage manager	Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management Diploma of Hotel Management Bachelor of Business in Tourism and Event Management	English, Business Studies, Legal Studies, Community and Family Studies, Economics, Maths
Working with people from diverse cultural backgrounds	Community liaison Policy officer Community worker Paralegal International aid worker	Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies Bachelor of Community Welfare Bachelor of Social Work	English, Aboriginal Studies, Geography, Legal Studies, Business Studies, Studies of Religion, Society and Culture

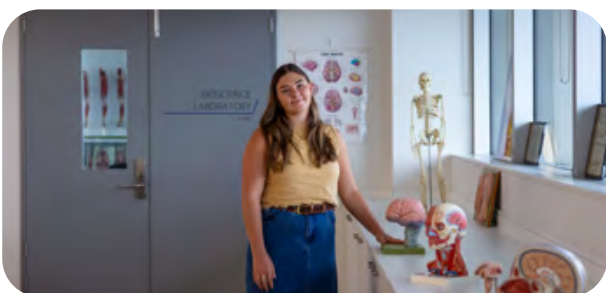


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Caring for people and helping them achieve better health	Nurse (in settings from GP clinics to hospitals and specialist health services)	Bachelor of Nursing	Maths, Chemistry, Biology or Physics, English extension (for Midwifery)
	Midwife	Bachelor of Midwifery	
	Speech Pathologist	Bachelor of Speech Pathology	English extension, Biology, Chemistry, Maths, PDHPE
	Osteopath (a health practitioner who treats the musculoskeletal system)	Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies) + postgraduate study	Biology, Chemistry, Maths
	Occupational therapist Rehabilitation specialist	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	English, Biology
	Psychologist Workplace adviser Criminal specialist Behaviour analyst Policy analyst	Bachelor of Psychological Science plus a Bachelor of Psychological Science with Honours + postgraduate study Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Laws	English, Maths, Biology
	Sports psychologist Rehabilitation counsellor	Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science + postgraduate study	English, Biology, Chemistry or Physics, Maths, PDHPE
	Physiotherapist	Bachelor of Physiotherapy	English, Biology, Chemistry or Physics, PDHPE



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Keeping fit and healthy	<p>Exercise scientist</p> <p>Strength and conditioning trainer</p> <p>Sport development expert</p> <p>Health and fitness consultant</p> <p>Personal trainer</p> <p>Gym instructor or manager</p> <p>Sports event coordinator</p> <p>Sports marketing manager</p>	<p>Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science</p> <p>Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science</p> <p>Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology</p>	<p>English, Biology, Chemistry or Physics, Maths, PDHPE</p>
	<p>Sports nutritionist</p> <p>Exercise physiologist</p> <p>Osteopath</p> <p>Pathologist, biomedical or health researcher</p> <p>Medical Laboratory Scientist</p>	<p>Bachelor of Biomedical Science + postgraduate study</p> <p>Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology</p> <p>Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science</p> <p>Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies) + postgraduate study</p> <p>Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science</p>	<p>English, Biology, Chemistry or Physics, Maths, PDHPE (Sport and Exercise Science)</p>



For parents and caregivers

Outstanding student support

We are here to make sure everyone has the best chance to succeed and be happy at university. Every student is offered a range of services that could include extra support to improve academic skills, counselling support, mentoring programs, or career and job advice.

Tuition and fees

Tuition fees vary and will depend on whether a student is full-time or part-time and what they are studying. Most undergraduate degrees are subsidised by the Government. These are called Commonwealth-Supported places. The student pays a part of the tuition and the Government pays the rest. Students can defer the payment of their part of the fees through the HECS-HELP scheme. This is a loan that students repay through the tax system only when their income reaches the repayment threshold. In 2024 this threshold was an annual income of of \$51,550.



Academic skills



Student Services



Counselling



Health Clinic



Career advice

Learn more:

scu.edu.au/fees



Other costs

Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF)

The SSAF is charged for each term in which you are enrolled and is used to provide important services and amenities to students both on and off campus. Eligible students have the option of deferring this fee through the SA-HELP loan scheme. SSAF fees depend on a student's status as part-time or full-time, on-campus or online. The maximum total amount of SSAF in 2024 was \$351.

Learn more:

scu.edu.au/fees/ssaf



Other expenses

Apart from the obvious costs of accommodation, food and transport, other costs to consider include textbooks, computer equipment and software, stationery, field trips, uniforms or other course-specific expenses such as travel for work placements.



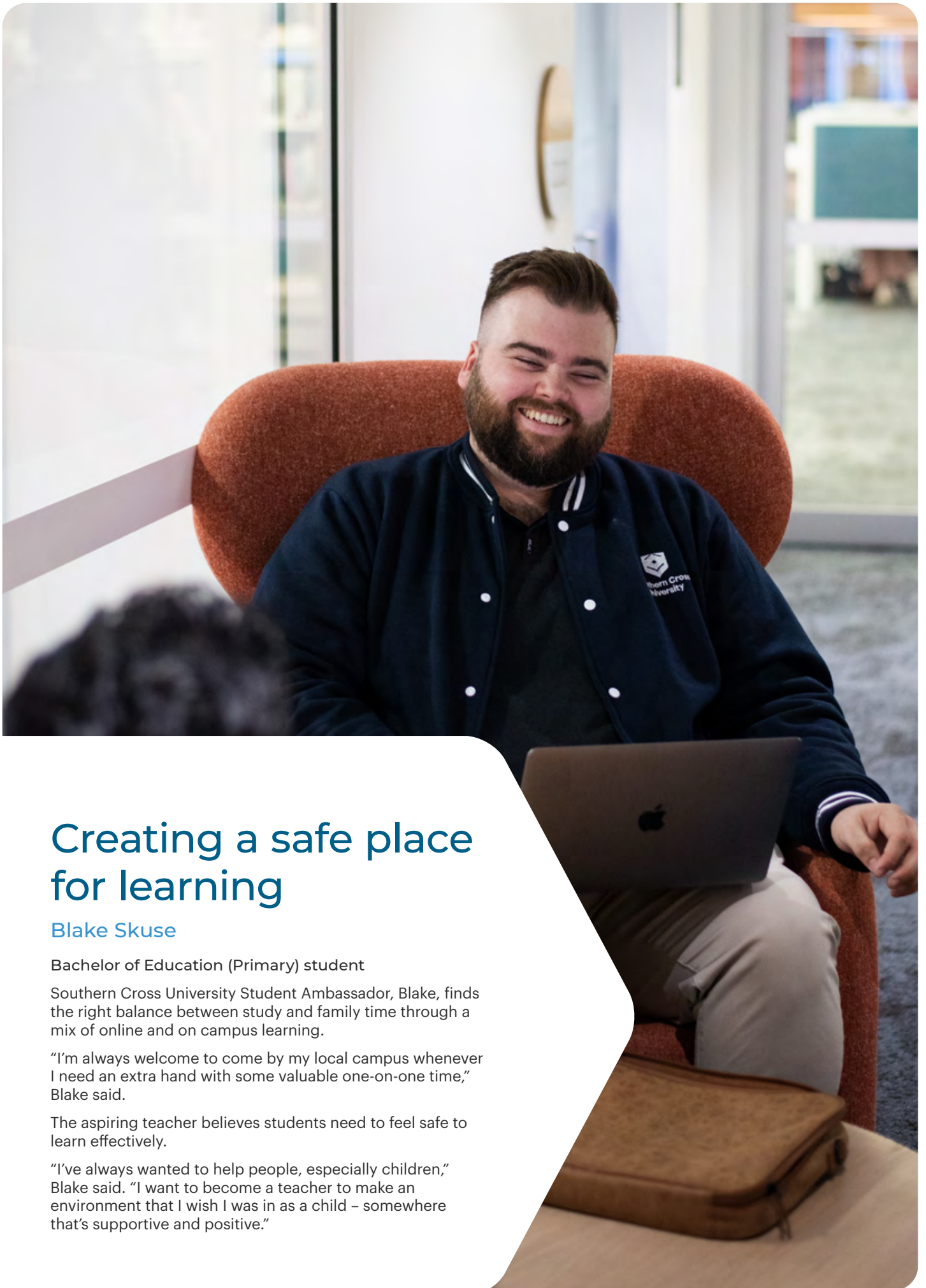
Contact Us

Our future students advisers are here to talk you through any questions you might have.

Call the hotline

1800 626 481





Creating a safe place for learning

Blake Skuse

Bachelor of Education (Primary) student

Southern Cross University Student Ambassador, Blake, finds the right balance between study and family time through a mix of online and on campus learning.

"I'm always welcome to come by my local campus whenever I need an extra hand with some valuable one-on-one time," Blake said.

The aspiring teacher believes students need to feel safe to learn effectively.

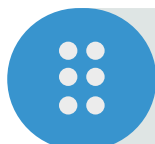
"I've always wanted to help people, especially children," Blake said. "I want to become a teacher to make an environment that I wish I was in as a child – somewhere that's supportive and positive."

The Southern Cross Model

A better way to learn at uni

All our courses are taught in the Southern Cross Model, a unique academic calendar of six-week terms and immersive study experiences. Say goodbye to lectures and hello to assessments that prepare you for the real world. Better grades and more chance of passing with flying colours? Yes, please!

What our students say about the Southern Cross Model



“Six-week terms are just the right length.”



“I love the flexible delivery of content. It suits my lifestyle.”



“I’m more engaged with the content.”



“I get lots of support and the tutors really want you to succeed.”



“I feel like I can focus more. I’m getting better grades.”

“Studying for me looks different every day, so the adaptability of studying online under the Southern Cross Model was ideal. The six-week terms go by quickly and you learn exactly what you need in that time.”

Hollie Robards, Teaching student



Scholarships

What are scholarships?

Scholarships can make a real difference to the cost of studying.

There are all kinds of scholarships available for:

- High academic achievement
- Indigenous Australian students
- Students who have experienced disadvantage
- Leadership and community involvement
- Studying overseas for a brief period of time.

Why should you apply?

Scholarships range from \$600 to help you buy some textbooks all the way through to \$50,000 over four years which could help you pay your accommodation costs.

Applying is easy. You can apply online by following the links on our scholarships page. With just one application, you will be considered for a wide range of scholarships.

Learn more:

scu.edu.au/scholarships



Accommodation

On campus – UniLodge

On-campus residential colleges at Lismore and Coffs Harbour offer fully furnished shared apartments. Facilities at each college include internet access and on-site laundries, indoor and outdoor entertainment areas. Weekly room rental starts from \$230 (in 2024).

Off campus – UniStays

A year-round online service called UniStays is available to help students find private rental and other off-campus accommodation at the Gold Coast, Lismore and Coffs Harbour.

Learn more:

scu.edu.au/accommodation/





UniLife

Going to university is not only about getting a first-class education and setting yourself up for that dream career. It's also about having fun, making lasting friendships and enjoying the social side of university life.

Our UniLife program aims to encourage both your academic success and support your wellbeing. Students can get involved in social sports clubs and societies, and University-wide events such as the snow tour, learn-to-surf camps, beach and water safety programs, and other national competitions.

See the full list of programs and activities offered at:

scu.edu.au/unilife



Courses quick reference

Course	Location	Duration
Business		
Bachelor of Business	GC, O	3FT/6PT
Diploma of Business	GC, O	1FT/2PT
Education		
Bachelor of Education (Primary/Early Childhood)	GC, L, CH, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Education (Primary)	GC, L, CH, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Education (Primary/Secondary)	GC, L, CH, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Arts	GC, O	4.5FT/9PT
Bachelor of Education (Secondary)	GC, L, CH, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Arts	GC, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Education (Technology)	O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Early Childhood Education	GC, O	3FT/6PT
Diploma of Education	GC, L, O	1FT/2PT
Engineering		
Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours) (Civil Engineering)	GC, L, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours) (Mechanical Engineering)	GC, L, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours), Bachelor of Business	GC, O	5FT/10PT
Associate Degree of Engineering	GC, L, O	2FT/4PT
Diploma of Engineering	GC, L, O	1FT/2PT
Health		
Bachelor of Biomedical Science	GC	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology	GC, L, CH	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies)	GC, L	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science	GC, L, CH	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Health Science (Health and Lifestyle)	GC, L	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science	GC	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Midwifery	GC, CH	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Nursing	GC, L, CH	3FT/3PT
Bachelor of Nursing (for Enrolled Nurses)	GC, L, CH	2FT/4PT
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	GC, CH	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Psychological Science	GC, CH, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Business	GC, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	CH	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Speech Pathology	GC, CH	4FT/8PT

Courses quick reference

Course	Location	Duration
Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science	GC, L, CH	3FT/6PT
Diploma of Health	GC, L, CH, O	1FT/2PT
Indigenous Knowledge		
Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge	O	3FT/6PT
Information Technology		
Bachelor of Information Technology	GC, O	3FT/6PT
Diploma of Information Technology	GC, O	1FT/2PT
Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Business	GC,O	4FT/8PT
Law		
Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies)	GC, O	2FT/4PT
Bachelor of Laws	GC, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies	GC, O	3FT/6PT
Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice)	GC, O	1FT/2PT
Diploma of Legal Studies	GC, O	1FT/2PT
Double degrees in Law		
Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws	GC, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business	GC, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Laws	GC, O	5FT/10PT
Science and Environment		
Bachelor of Science	L, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Science (Earth and Environmental Systems)	L, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Science (Marine Systems)	NMSC, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Science (Earth and Environmental Systems and Marine Systems)	NMSC, L, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Science (Regenerative Agriculture)	L, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Veterinary Technology	L	3FT/6PT
Diploma of Science	L, O	1FT/2PT
Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture	L,O	1FT/2PT
Social Work and Community Welfare		
Bachelor of Community Welfare	GC, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Social Work	GC, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Counselling	GC, L, CH, O	3FT/6PT

Course	Location	Duration
Tourism		
Diploma of Hotel Management	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane	1FT/2PT
Associate Degree of International Hotel and Tourism Management	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane	2FT/4PT
Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Business (Tourism and Event Management)	GC	3FT

GC - Gold Coast, L - Lismore, CH - Coffs Harbour, O - Online, NMSC - National Marine Science Centre; FT - Full Time, PT - Part Time

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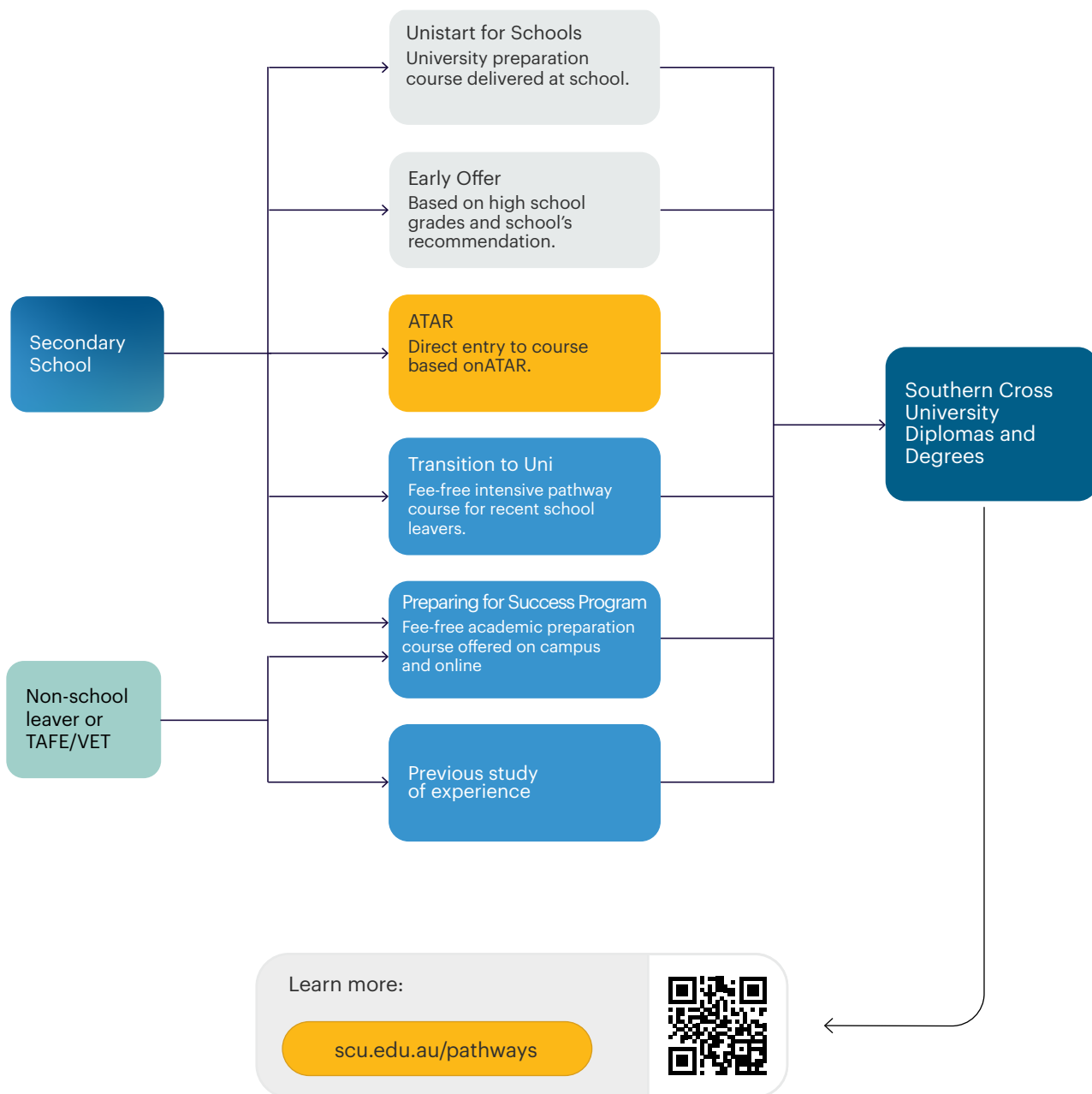
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Please note that some courses require you to attend an audition, interview or present a portfolio of work as part of your application. Check scu.edu.au/courses for details about individual course requirements and up-to-date course offerings.



Pathways to university

Whether you're still at school, have just finished Year 12, never finished school or left some time ago, there are many pathways into university.



The Southern Cross Scholars program

The Southern Cross Scholars program offers Year 11 & 12 students the opportunity to study a university subject while still in high school.



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and speak to a
study adviser at
Open Day

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