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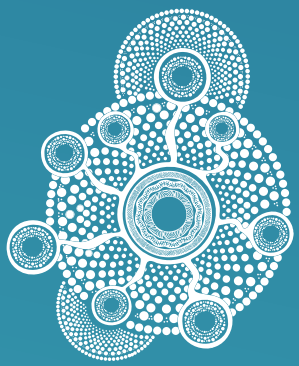
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Acknowledgement of Country

Southern Cross University acknowledges and pays respect to the ancestors, Elders and descendants of the Lands upon which we meet and study.

Acknowledgement of origins

We acknowledge Widjabal Country as the Country where Southern Cross University originated and grew, and from where it continues to grow. It seeded the growth of our Gumbaynggirr Campus in Coffs Harbour, our Yugambeh Campus in Coolangatta and it planted the seeds to transform the Countries we are on.

Understanding our origins will make each step into the future a more purposeful one, leading all to transform tomorrow.

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On the cover (L–R)

India Brown, Psychology graduate
Nick Kannankara, Nursing

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Transform your future

Ready for uni with a difference?

When you join Southern Cross University, you'll be studying in the revolutionary and award-winning Southern Cross Model that's unique in Australia.

Six-week terms, immersive learning experiences, real-world scenarios; our courses are designed for your success, both at uni and beyond.

You'll be connected to an alumni network that spans the globe and join a community of like-minded, passionate people who are building a better future for everyone.

Together, we are Transforming Tomorrow.

5-star Student Support in five study areas

Top 500 universities worldwide
World University Rankings 2026

Rated 5-stars (2025)

Our campuses

Southern Cross University is a multi-campus university with a strong east-coast footprint, including main campuses at the Gold Coast, the Northern Rivers, and Coffs Harbour.

Our campuses are located in regions known for their diversity, offering study environments that span vibrant cities, industry-connected communities, coastal lifestyles and unique natural settings.

Alongside its regional presence, Southern Cross offers selected courses nationally. This includes the University's Hotel School, with campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane, as well as metro campuses in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth.



Study areas by location

	Main campuses				Metro campuses			
	Gold Coast	Northern Rivers	Coffs Harbour	Online	Brisbane	Sydney	Melbourne	Perth
Pathway programs	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○
Business	●			●	○	○	○	○
Education	●	●	●	●				
Engineering	●	●		●				
Health	●	●	●	●				
Hotel Management	●				○	○	○	○
Indigenous Knowledge				●				
Information Technology	●			●	○	○	○	○
Law			●	●				
Science		●	●	●				
Social Work and Community Welfare			●	●				
Veterinary Sciences		●						
Double degrees	●			●	○	○	○	○

This is an overview of disciplines on offer by location. Refer to specific course information to confirm the location of your chosen study path.

For more information
scu.edu.au/study

Gold Coast

Our Gold Coast campus is located at Coolangatta, just 400 metres from North Kirra Beach, and adjacent to the Gold Coast Airport. Many vantage points offer stunning views of the Pacific Ocean.

The campus is spread across three contemporary buildings that house innovative learning spaces, health science laboratories, computer labs, student lounges, the University's Digital Enterprise Lab and an on-campus Health Clinic.

- Close proximity to Gold Coast Airport
- On-campus Health Clinic
- Digital Enterprise Lab
- Beachside campus







Northern Rivers

Our foundation campus is located at Lismore in the heart of the Northern Rivers. Set on acres of lush rainforest that includes a koala hospital, the Northern Rivers campus is within easy reach of both national parks and the beautiful beaches of Ballina and Byron Bay.

It is also home to a multi-million-dollar veterinary sciences precinct, state-of-the-art engineering and environmental science facilities, specialist health labs and simulated hospital wards, a Learning Centre and library complex, heated pool and gym, on-campus accommodation and a Health Clinic.

- On-campus Health Clinic
- Pool & gym
- On-campus accommodation
- Purpose-built facilities







Coffs Harbour

Our Coffs Harbour campus is located at the heart of an education and innovation hub. Coffs Harbour boasts a relaxed coastal lifestyle but this growing city also hosts international sporting events and regional festivals thanks to outstanding facilities and a major regional airport.

A multi-million-dollar Health Sciences Building on campus features a biomechanics running track and high-tech simulation teaching laboratories. The campus also has a fitness centre, on-campus accommodation, sporting fields and is close to beautiful beaches and national parks. The University's world-renowned National Marine Science Centre is located in Charlesworth Bay on the north side of the city.

- National Marine Science Centre
- Health Sciences precinct
- Coastal lifestyle
- On-campus accommodation







Study online

Geography is no longer a barrier to an excellent university education. Online learning in the Southern Cross Model is a dynamic and interactive environment, where you can access multimedia course content and interact with your peers and tutors, getting feedback as you go.

As an online student you have access to all campus facilities including libraries and study spaces as well as campus activities and clubs. It's a quality Southern Cross University education with the convenience of studying where, and when, it suits you best.

- Learn anywhere, anytime
- Connected student community
- Access campus facilities
- Great learning support







Metro locations



Sydney

Sydney campus offers students a vibrant study environment in the heart of Sydney's Central Business District. Positioned near the iconic Sydney Harbour and major transport connections, the campus is surrounded by Australia's leading corporate businesses and cultural landmarks that define the city's vibrant energy.



Melbourne

Melbourne campus is located in the heart of the city's thriving Central Business District.

The campus is surrounded by the city's key business, retail and cultural precincts.



Perth

Perth campus is located in the Central Business District of East Perth.

It's not far from Kings Park, one of the largest inner-city parks in the world, and the Swan River, where students can take a ferry to other locations around the city.



Brisbane

Brisbane campus is located in the heart of the city's Central Business District.

The campus is just a short walk from the Brisbane River, the City Botanic Gardens and Queen Street Mall, giving students plenty of opportunities to enjoy the city's vibrant lifestyle between classes.

Student life

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.



Learn more
scu.edu.au/current-students

UniLife

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 University Student Awards, snow tour, learn-to-surf camps, beach and water safety programs, and other national competitions.

For more on UniLife, visit
scu.edu.au/unilife





Go global with a study exchange

No gap year needed when travel is part of your studies! From France to Fiji, our students are taking learning out of the classroom and into new cultures.

Study abroad for a few weeks or for a whole year as part of a global exchange with one of our partner universities. Your global exchange could also count towards your degree. Don't forget to check out the scholarships for exchange that can help with the costs of your transport or living expenses.



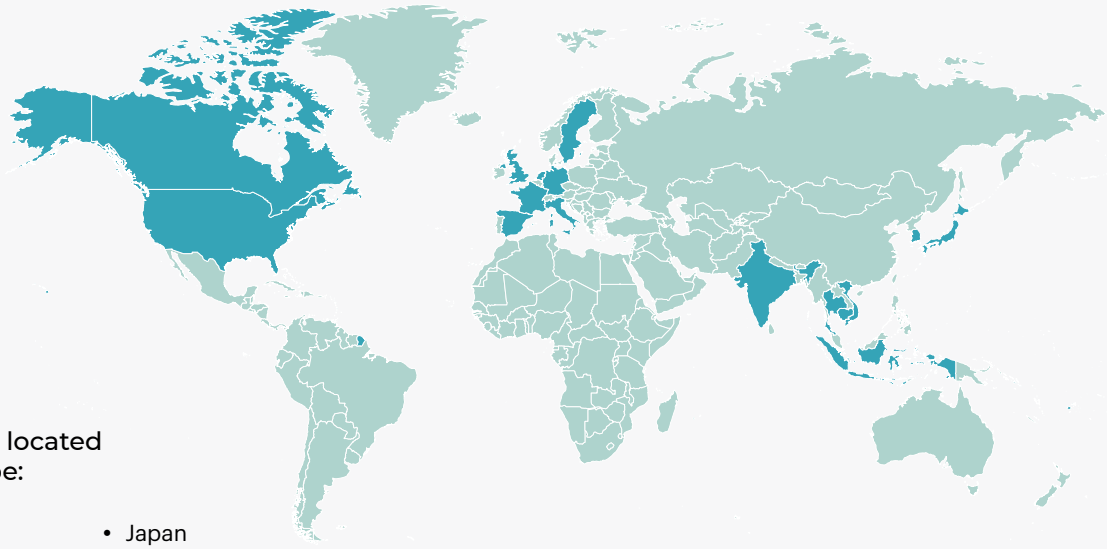


Nursing students completed a three-week placement at KLE University in Belagavi, Karnataka, India, as part of a New Colombo Plan Mobility Grant.

"We have so much more to learn from others, and that constant reflection is key to truly appreciating and growing from this incredible journey."

Hannah
Bachelor of Nursing student

Where could a global exchange take you?



Our partner institutions are located across the globe:

- Cambodia
- Canada
- England
- Fiji
- France
- Germany
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea
- The Netherlands
- Solomon Islands
- Spain
- Sweden
- Thailand
- United States of America
- Vietnam

Learn more
scu.edu.au/global-experience



Supporting your success

The Southern Cross Model – a better way to learn

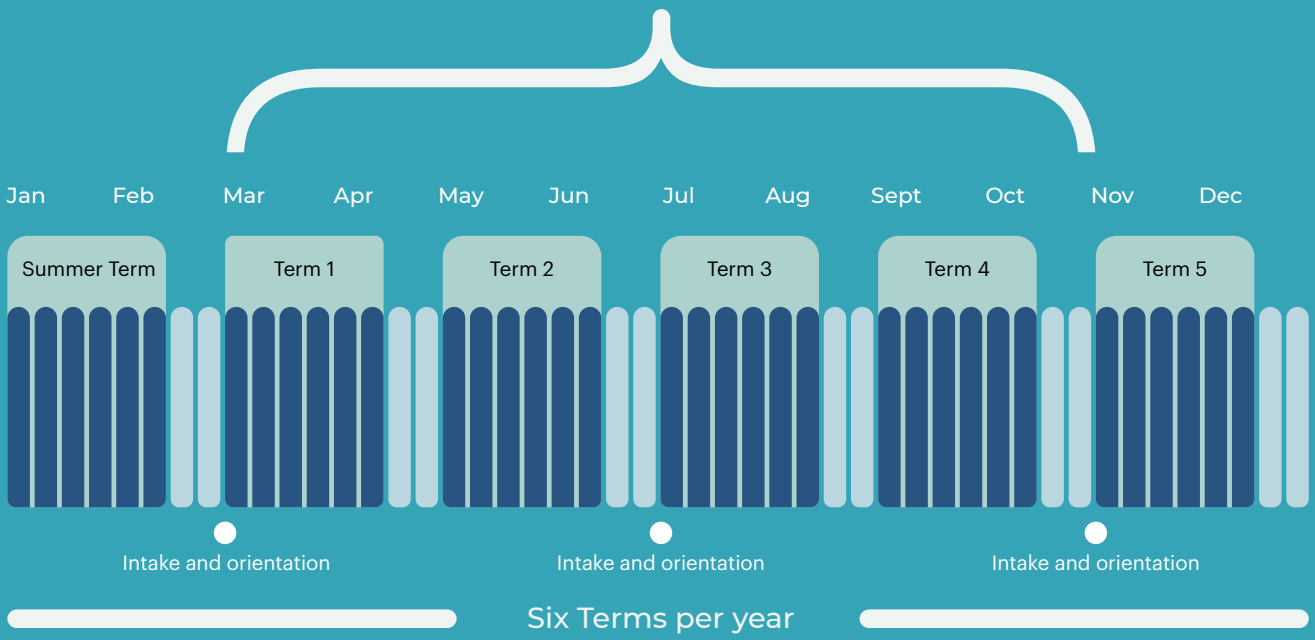
Our academic model is designed with student success in mind. Six-week terms and immersive learning experiences create confidence, and momentum with flexibility in your study schedule.

{ 91% }

Student success rate

2025 unit success rates

Typical full-time enrolment



Student success

Since the Southern Cross Model was implemented, our students are succeeding in their studies more than ever before.

Immersive learning

Focus on just one or two units a term for an immersive experience. Learn through curated on-demand learning modules, workshops and tutorials.

Enjoy your studies

More students complete their units successfully in the Southern Cross Model. It's a better, more focused, and enjoyable way to learn.

Study-life balance

The Southern Cross Model works with juggling other commitments — family, work, sport, friends, travel!



Nakia, Bachelor of Psychological Science student

"Coming to uni is a huge commitment, but having a six-week term is quite manageable. Every six weeks you're getting that two-week break. So, my study-life balance is amazing. I have so much time to do so many different things."

Andi, Bachelor of Occupational Therapy student

"My work/study/life balance involves quite a few things. I do uni full-time, I have a dog walking business, I dance professionally, and I'm really active with yoga and my fitness. I have been able to manage my workload and learning more effectively."



Learn more
scu.edu.au/southern-cross-model

Tuition fees and study costs

Commonwealth Supported Places

Tuition fees for most undergraduate and some postgraduate degrees are subsidised by the Australian Government. These are called Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP). You pay a part of the tuition fees and the Government pays the rest.

You can defer the payment of your fees for a CSP degree through the HECS-HELP loan scheme. This allows you to postpone paying your fees until your income reaches a certain threshold. You then pay it back a little at a time through the tax system.

For details visit
studyassist.gov.au

For details visit
scu.edu.au/fees





Student Services and Amenities Fee

Also known as SSAF, the Student Services and Amenities Fee is used to provide important services and amenities to students both on and off campus. Your course is made up of units and the SSAF is calculated per unit. The maximum SSAF fee in 2026 was $373. Eligible students have the option of deferring this fee through the SA-HELP loan scheme.

Other study costs

Your costs could also include computer equipment and software, stationery, field trips, uniforms, vaccinations or other course-specific expenses such as travel for practicums, internships or industry experience.

Books and supplies

Some courses will require you to buy textbooks. The cost of textbooks varies greatly from unit-to-unit. Second-hand textbooks are sometimes available.

In other courses, you may not have to buy textbooks. Check out our 'Zero Textbook Cost' initiative and see if your course is listed there.

For more details
scu.edu.au/library/teaching/zero-textbook-cost/

Scholarships

At Southern Cross University, we believe in fostering the next generation of brilliant minds and bold leaders to reach their full potential.

Scholarships can change your university experience. They offer additional financial support to make studying more accessible but, even more than that, scholarships are an endorsement. A scholarship has been funded either by the University or a private donor because they believe in your potential to succeed.

Applying is easy – one simple form is all it takes.

Scholarships cover many different student cohorts

- Academic merit and high achievers
- Sporting or athletic excellence
- Community service or leadership
- Indigenous students
- Regional or remote students
- Gender and diversity
- Discipline-specific

Featured scholarships

Vice-Chancellor Scholarships $50,000

Commencing enrolled students with an ATAR of 95 and above are eligible for one of ten $50,000 scholarships. This award recognises ongoing high academic achievement.

Resilience Merit Scholarships $36,000

For high achieving students overcoming financial or educational barriers, there are fifteen $36,000 scholarships available.

Vice-Chancellor Regional Leadership Scholarships $50,000

For students from one of the local schools near our Gold Coast, Northern Rivers or Coffs Harbour campuses with an ATAR of 90 and above, there are ten $50,000 scholarships available.

Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous Excellence Scholarships $24,000

For high achieving Indigenous Australian students there are ten $24,000 scholarships available.

Southern Cross University Merit Scholarships $36,000

For students from one of the local schools near our Gold Coast, Northern Rivers or Coffs Harbour campuses with an ATAR of 80 and above, there are fifteen $36,000 scholarships available.

Diploma Pathway Scholarships

For students commencing a diploma at Southern Cross University with intention to continue into a degree, a $2,500 scholarship is available.

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Scolarships on offer

Scholarships range from
$600 to $50,000



Bachelor of Engineering student Brigid Richardson received an International Women's Day Scholarship to support her passion for civil engineering and designing inclusive public infrastructure.

"This scholarship gives me a wonderful opportunity to network with other women in our community, especially those who are involved in providing better conditions in our surroundings. My focus on human-centred design pinpoints my belief that every person should be able to independently access and travel through our built environments."

For details and how to apply
scu.edu.au/scholarships

For equity scholarships visit
scu.edu.au/equity

Supporting your studies



- Careers and employability service
- Equity and inclusion services
- Mentor programs
- Academic skills help
- Counselling services
- Student advocacy
- Indigenous student support
- Wifi and tech services

Meet your academic personal trainer

Starting university is super exciting but it can be a little daunting too. That's why, as a new undergraduate student, you'll be assigned a First Year Adviser. Your adviser is your go-to person for the first eight units of your course, which is your first year if you are studying full-time.

Think of your First Year Adviser as a kind of academic personal trainer. They can connect you with support services at the University, help you navigate University systems and provide you with guidance and extra support should you need it in your studies, or in other aspects of student life.

They are specialists in your discipline and are there to help you succeed.

For details visit
scu.edu.au/fya

Indigenous Australian Student Services

The Indigenous Australian Student Services (IASS) unit provides a wide range of information, advice, and support to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in a culturally appropriate, safe, friendly, and supportive environment.



Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme

A free tutoring service to all Indigenous students

Indigenous scholarships

Numerous scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders students

Alternative pathway: Testing & Assessment

An alternative entry pathway to university

Indigenous social & emotional support

Support for Indigenous students provided in-person or by phone or email

For details visit
scu.edu.au/iass



Start where you are

SCU College

At Southern Cross University, we believe in your possibilities, your potential, and we offer a vibrant teaching, learning, research and cultural environment to help you achieve your goals.

Our preparation programs and Diplomas will set you on the road to success. Whether you are uncertain about if you meet university entry requirements, looking to build your academic skills for university or interested in an alternative entry to study, we have the right pathway for you.

Preparation programs

Which best describes you?

I am over 18 and looking to gain entry into university.

Preparing for Success Program

The Preparing for Success Program (PSP) is a free 12-week full-time or yearly part-time pathway program, delivered on-campus or online. PSP will help you develop the study skills necessary for success at university. Once you have completed the PSP through SCU College, you can move straight on to your Southern Cross University degree knowing that you are well-prepared for further study. This course is open to Australian residents over the age of 18.

I am graduating high school this year and want to lock in a spot at university.

Transition to Uni

Want to study at university but worried you might not get the ATAR you need? Our six-week Transition to Uni (TU) program helps build your academic skills to prepare you for university. Study TU online, full-time in January-February and gain entry to most Southern Cross University degrees from March onwards. This free course is open to Australian residents who have just finished Year 12 and have an ATAR or are ATAR-eligible.

Diplomas

If you do not have a suitable qualification for direct entry into a specialist degree program, or if you want to study university one step at a time, talk to our team about finding the perfect Diploma for you. SCU College has a variety of Diplomas that provide direct entry into the second year of a range of Bachelor courses, with students able to receive up to full advanced standing.

By completing a Diploma you can also get a qualification while you study, which can help secure a job in your discipline while completing further study.

Pathway courses

Course	ATAR^	Location	Duration	Starts	Pathway to
Preparation programs					
Preparing for Success (PSP)	n/a	GC, NR, CH, O	0.5FT	T1, T3, T5	Most Diplomas and Degrees
Transition to Uni	n/a	O	0.25FT	ST	Most Diplomas and Degrees
Diplomas					
Diploma of Business	45	GC, O, M, P, S, B	1FT/2PT	T1, T3, T5	Bachelor of Business
Diploma of Clinical and Allied Health	45	GC, NR, CH	1FT/2PT	T1, T3	Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science, Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology, Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science, Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science, Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies)
Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice)	45	O	1FT/2PT	T1, T3, T5	Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies
Diploma of Education	45	GC, NR, CH, O	1FT/2PT	T1, T3	Bachelor of Early Childhood Education; Bachelor of Education; Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Arts
Diploma of Engineering	45	GC, NR, O	1FT/2PT	T1, T3	Associate Degree of Engineering, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
Diploma of Health and Human Sciences	45	GC, NR, CH, O	1FT/2PT	T1, T3	Bachelor of Community Welfare, Bachelor of Counselling, Bachelor of Health Science (Health and Lifestyle), Bachelor of Social Work , Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Psychological Science
Diploma of Global Hotel Management	n/a	B, M, P, S	1FT/2PT	T1, T3, T5	Associate Degree of Global Hotel Management, Bachelor of Global Hotel and Tourism Management
Diploma of Indigenous Knowledge (Land and Sea Management)	45	O	1FT/2PT	T1	Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge, Bachelor of Science
Diploma of Information Technology	45	GC, O, M, P, S, B	1FT/2PT	T1	Bachelor of Information Technology
Diploma of Legal Studies	45	GC, O	1FT/2PT	T1	Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies), Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies
Diploma of Science	45	NR, O*, NMSC	1FT/2PT	T1	Bachelor of Science
Associate Degree of Engineering	55	O*	2FT/4PT	T1, T3	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
Associate Degree of Global Hotel Management	n/a	GC, B, M, P, S	2FT/4PT	T1, T3, T5	Bachelor of Global Hotel and Tourism Management
Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies)	55	O	2FT/4PT	T1, T3, T5	Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, Bachelor of Laws (with required GPA)

Locations: GC – Gold Coast, NR – Northern Rivers, CH – Coffs Harbour, NMSC – National Marine Science Centre, B – Brisbane, M – Melbourne, P – Perth, S – Sydney, O – Online.

Start dates: ST – Summer Term (January), T1 – Term 1 (March), T3 – Term 3 (June), T5 – Term 5 (October).

*Online students must undertake compulsory on-campus residentials.

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.

Secondary School

- **Scholars Program**
  A University unit you can study at high school
- **Unistart for Schools**
  University preparation course delivered at school
- **Early Offer**
  Based on high school grades and school's recommendation
- **ATAR**
  Direct entry to course based on ATAR

Non-school leaver

- **Transition to Uni**
  Fee-free intensive pathway course for recent school leavers
- **Preparing for Success Program**
  Fee-free academic preparation course offered on campus and online

TAFE pathways
Get credit for your TAFE qualifications towards your Diploma or degree

- **Previous study or experience**
  Use your existing knowledge and skills to gain entry to uni

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

- **Testing and Assessment Program**
  Alternative entry scheme for Indigenous Australians

Southern Cross University Diplomas and Degrees

Learn more
scu.edu.au/pathways

Your pathway from TAFE to university



- Guaranteed entry into many courses when minimum qualifications are met
- Credit for prior study so you won't repeat what you already know
- Scholarships and personalised support for TAFE/ VET graduates
- Shorter study time and lower costs

Turn your qualification into a degree. Gain credit and open new opportunities and a clear path to your career.

If you've completed a Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma, you may already meet entry requirements for many of our degrees and receive credit for what you've achieved. Southern Cross University has over 300 formal credit agreements with TAFE institutes and other Registered Training Organisations (RTOs). These arrangements span major study areas including health, science, engineering, education, business, law and specialist fields like tourism and hospitality.



How it works

1. Submit your TAFE or VET qualification when applying
2. We'll review your credit and map your options
3. Start your degree with a clear pathway.

If you've completed an approved TAFE qualification in NSW or Queensland, Southern Cross offers cross-border pathways into selected undergraduate degrees, helping you progress to university sooner and study close to where you live and work.

Learn more
scu.edu.au/tafe-pathways

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Business



Bachelor of Business graduate Max O'Neil is the owner of Down Under Dog Training.

Global experiences and industry engagement

Work-integrated learning

5-star overall experience in business and management
(Good Universities Guide 2026)

Business professionals of tomorrow need more than an understanding of core business disciplines – they need adaptability, curiosity and agility to respond to a changing future.

Designed for the real world, our business degrees combine practical learning with embedded internships, global experiences and close industry connections. Students build expertise in artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship and core business principles, with projects grounded in real-world application.

Graduates are prepared for diverse careers, leading organisations with confidence, strategy and innovation.



Tune in to hear more about our revamped business degree and how AI is shaping entrepreneurship.



"I wanted a fresh perspective, so we could bring industry-type thinking into how we manage hospitals and deliver better outcomes for patients. It was amazing to take those learnings straight back into the workplace. Even now, I draw on what I learned, from finance to marketing."

Dr Kellie Wren
Master of Business Administration graduate
2025 Alumnus of the Year

Learn more
scu.edu.au/business

Bachelor of Business

ATAR	70
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney, Brisbane, Online
Professional placement	200 hours via internship or industry project
Entry pathway	Diploma of Business (page 21), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

Successful business professionals need more than specialist knowledge in one or two areas; they need an understanding of all things business.

Our undergraduate business degree is a structured progression of core subjects covering artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship, marketing, accounting, finance, sustainability, business analytics, and professional development. Graduates will have an advanced skill-set with high employment opportunities across industries, both nationally and abroad.

Professional work experience is central to your student experience. Here you will put theory into practice and have the opportunity to make your mark as part of the new generation of business leaders.

You will interact with businesses across our campus footprints as part of a skills accelerator and have the chance to study abroad with one of our many global exchange partners as part of your degree.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the Bachelor of Business gain the professional, critical thinking and communication skills to run their own business, work in government agencies and industry associations, or to pursue corporate careers across a broad range of sectors, including accounting, finance, marketing, public relations, international business, human resources, business analytics, tourism and events.

84 per cent of our business graduates are employed within four months of completing their course (Good Universities Guide 2026).

Double degrees

Double your career options with a double degree.

- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Business

Please check the Southern Cross University website for details about the structure and study options in a double degree.

Business graduate coordinating ‘I do’s’ among the ‘roos

Business alumna Katie Stopher’s career has taken a wild turn as Wedding and Events Coordinator at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

Katie’s dream job began as a three-month internship as part of her studies. She has since worked her way up from Events Administrative Assistant to Event Coordinator, and now Wedding and Events Coordinator.

She praised her study experience at Southern Cross University: “The small class sizes and more personalised learning experience were fantastic, unlike other universities where you could get lost in the crowd. I also found my work-life-study balance easy to maintain because of the flexible learning options and student support available.”



Bachelor of Business (Accounting)

ATAR	70
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney, Brisbane, Online
Specialisations	Accounting
Professional placement	200 hours via internship or industry project
Professional recognition	CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, and Tax Practitioner's Board
Entry pathway	Diploma of Business (page 21), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

Successful accounting professionals need more than specialist knowledge in one or two areas. They need an understanding of all things business.

Our Bachelor of Business (Accounting) is a structured progression of core subjects covering accounting, finance, economics, sustainability, law, artificial intelligence, business analytics, and professional development. The course develops your skills as a well-rounded business professional with experience across a diverse panorama of roles and organisations.

The Accounting specialisation develops knowledge and skills in taxation, financial reporting, financial and management accounting, auditing, and business finance, and is CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, and Tax Practitioner's Board (TPB) accredited.

Professional work experience is central to your student experience. Here you will put theory into practice and have the opportunity to make your mark as part of the new generation of business leaders.

You will interact with businesses across our campus footprints as part of a skills accelerator and the Gold Coast Innovation Hub and have the chance to study abroad with one of our many global exchange partners as part of your degree.

Career opportunities

There is a strong demand for accountants nationally. Graduates will have diverse career opportunities, and many accountants go on to hold senior leadership roles.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Business (Accounting) gain the professional, critical thinking and communication skills to run their own business, work in government agencies and industry associations, or to pursue a career as a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA), Chartered Accountant (CA), or Tax Practitioner.

Southern Cross University graduates win Business Award

Collins Hume Accountants, whose team includes eight Southern Cross alumna and two current students, were crowned the 2025 Business NSW Northern Rivers Business of the Year. All four partners of Collins Hume are proud Southern Cross University graduates, having completed a range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in business, accounting and leadership.

Diploma of Business

ATAR	45
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney, Brisbane, Online
Entry pathway	Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Diploma of Business gives you the opportunity to develop your academic and business skills in areas that could include digital business, finance, management, economics and marketing.

The course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that learners have diverse experiences and ways of learning. At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

Career opportunities

Graduates will be well-equipped to apply their skills across a range of business areas including accounting, finance and marketing.

Graduates of the Diploma of Business are eligible for entry and up to eight units of credit towards the Southern Cross University Bachelor of Business.

From marketing assistant to brand manager in five years

Carmel Smithers
Brand Manager, A Bit Hippy and Dr Zoo
Bachelor of Business

A marketing internship during her Bachelor of Business degree skyrocketed the career of Southern Cross graduate Carmel Smithers.

Through the University's careers and employability team, Carmel scored an internship with Chempro Chemist, during which she assisted in writing blog posts which complemented the company's paid marketing campaigns, developed a social media plan and assisted in local area marketing for ChemPro stores.

The networking opportunities through her internship enabled Carmel to land the role of Marketing Assistant at Moogoo Skincare. Since then, her career has gone from strength-to-strength, with Carmel now steering the brand identities of sister companies A Bit Hippy and Dr Zoo as Brand Manager.

"I love the versatility of my role, we're a small high-performing team, so I manage all of the marketing campaigns, from developing social media content, to EDMs (email direct mail marketing), to live brand activations," Carmel said.



Carmel credits her Bachelor of Business with preparing her with foundational skills in business and marketing.

"Having a degree is invaluable and I will always be proud of myself for finishing it. It is essential for anyone to build the foundations of skills and knowledge in their chosen profession," she said.

"In your first year of the degree you cover all sorts of foundational subjects like accounting, economics and marketing. As soon as I did the marketing unit, I loved it and knew it was exactly what I wanted to do," she said.

"I will always be thankful to the University for giving me that first foot in the door with my internship, it has led me to a career that I absolutely love."

Education



Extensive and meaningful work placements prepare you as a teacher

Top 400 in Education

(Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2026)

Dynamic research community

Southern Cross graduate teachers have a lasting and profound impact on the lives of their students, from the early years right through to secondary school.

All degrees engage with the most contemporary and transformative thinking in education. Initial teacher education courses include extensive and meaningful placements, ensuring that graduates are profession-ready. While nationally-facing, dual-state accreditation for primary and secondary programs expand career opportunities in both NSW and QLD. The early childhood teacher programs are nationally accredited by ACECQA.

Our degrees are shaped by contemporary thinking and informed by researchers and academics who contribute to curriculum and policy in Australia and globally.



Learn more
scu.edu.au/education

Bachelor of Education

ATAR	70
Specialisations	Early Childhood/Primary; Primary; Primary/Secondary; Secondary; Secondary Technology
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Online
Professional placement	80 days (640 hours) – 110 days (880 hours) depending on specialisation
Professional recognition	Accredited by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and approved by the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) for Primary and Secondary initial teacher education in accordance with the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL). The Early Childhood/Primary pathway is accredited by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) for Early Childhood.
Entry pathway	Diploma of Education (page 27), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Bachelor of Education is a gateway degree to work as a registered teacher in Australia. It also qualifies graduates to work in many countries overseas.

This cutting-edge, evidence-based course draws on the University's leadership and research in teacher education. A distinctive suite of first year units provides excellent grounding in literacy, numeracy, science, and core subject content. All students undertake studies in Indigenous education, sustainability, inclusive education, classroom management, brain and learning, and other contemporary curriculum areas.

Specialisations

All students choose a single or combined specialisation from the following:

Early Childhood/Primary

For teaching in both early childhood settings and primary schools.

Primary

For teaching in primary schools from kindergarten/prep to Year 6. Includes an approved compulsory English Primary Specialisation with opportunities for an approved NESA Specialisation in Mathematics or Science and Technology.

Primary/Secondary

For teaching in both primary schools and in one subject in secondary schools. This course includes an AITSL English Primary Specialisation and one secondary teaching subject chosen from English, Mathematics, Geography or Modern History.

Secondary

For teaching in secondary schools. Two teaching subjects are chosen from a range of secondary subjects: English, Mathematics, Geography, Modern History, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Investigating Science, Business Studies, Legal Studies, Society and Culture, Aboriginal Studies, Human Society in the Environment (HSIE).

Technology Secondary

For teaching in secondary schools. Design and Technology core subjects are combined with either Industrial Technology or Food and Textiles Technology. Students also have the capacity to develop skills in an additional teaching area.

Career opportunities

Depending on the specialisation chosen, graduates may work in early childhood settings, primary or secondary schools, developing as leaders and/or specialists within educational settings. Combined specialisations in early childhood/primary and primary/secondary allow for teaching across a wide range of age groups.

Increasing the number of students in initial teacher education programs has been identified by the Australian Government as a priority to help address the national teacher workforce crisis.

More than 80 per cent of our education graduates are employed full-time within four months of completing their course (Good Universities Guide 2026).

Engaging young minds

Encouraging curiosity and learning is a driving force for Bachelor of Education student Kelsey Tonna.

Kelsey was already working as an Education Leader in an early childhood centre when she decided to expand her career prospects and become an early childhood teacher.

“I love that young children are so curious and open to learning,” Kelsey said.

“They love having a conversation with you. They are learning new things so their minds are open and they are intrigued and engaged. I just love teaching them.”

Kelsey completed her first placement at Little Seeds in Tugun, Queensland, where she developed the skills to create and implement a program in a classroom.

“I was in the kinder room and the first two weeks I was guided on how to run a program and incorporate different topics. By the last three to four weeks I was given free reign to lead my own program,” she said.

Flexible, online study and strong student support have been pillars in Kelsey’s university education.

“I like that I can email my lecturers about anything and they are always so helpful. If I need advice, they will get back to me straight away.



“I like that I can log in whenever it suits me. If I’m working and miss a tutorial or workshop, I can go back and re-watch it. The six-week terms have also been great and make you feel like you are progressing through your course quickly.”

Kelsey Tonna
Bachelor of Education student



Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Arts

ATAR	70
Duration	4.5 years full-time/9 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Online
Majors	Creative Writing, Humanities, Social Sciences
Professional placement	80 days (640 hours) in primary schools
Professional recognition	Accredited by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and approved by the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) for Primary initial teacher education in accordance with the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL).
Entry pathway	Diploma of Education (page 27), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Arts combines the rigorous foundation of a Southern Cross University teaching degree with a broadened experience of learnings in humanities.

This degree is ideally suited to aspiring teachers with an interest in the arts, who want to develop an expanded scope of practice. You will develop a broad understanding of the world and its people, engaging with important social, cultural and political issues.

The Bachelor of Education in this double degree includes extensive professional placement while the Bachelor of Arts offers three majors to tailor your studies, in either Creative Writing, Social Sciences or Humanities. Each major includes a research project with an academic supervisor where you can focus deeply on an area that interests you.

Career opportunities

Career opportunities for graduates of this degree are diverse, spanning the fields of teaching and education as well as careers in the cultural and social spheres. This degree qualifies you to teach in primary schools.



Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Arts

ATAR	70
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Online
Majors	Creative Writing, Humanities, Social Sciences
Professional placement	80 days (640 hours) in secondary schools
Professional recognition	Accredited by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and approved by the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) for Secondary initial teacher education in accordance with the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL).
Entry pathway	Diploma of Education (page 27) , Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Arts combines the rigorous foundation of a Southern Cross University teaching degree with a broadened experience of learnings in humanities.

This degree is ideally suited to aspiring teachers with an interest in the arts, who want to develop an expanded scope of practice. You will develop a broad understanding of the world and its people, engaging with important social, cultural and political issues.

The Bachelor of Education in this double degree includes extensive professional placement and qualifies you to teach up to two subjects in Secondary Schools. The Bachelor of Arts offers three majors to tailor your studies, in either Creative Writing, Social Sciences or Humanities. Each major includes a research project with an academic supervisor where you can focus deeply on an area that interests you.

Career opportunities

Career opportunities for graduates of this degree are diverse, spanning the fields of teaching and education as well as careers in the cultural and social spheres. This degree qualifies you to teach in secondary schools.

Bachelor of Early Childhood Education

ATAR	60
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Online
Professional placement	85 days (680 hours) in early childhood education settings
Professional recognition	Approved by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) as meeting the National Quality Framework (NQF).
Entry pathway	Diploma of Education (page 27), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

This is a cutting-edge course that draws on the University's leading research in early childhood education and care. Core units cover early childhood principles and practices, child development theory and application, Indigenous education, how to best support children's learning and pedagogical approaches for early childhood education.

Students will investigate contemporary issues in early childhood education, leadership and management, the arts, and health and wellbeing in the early childhood environment.

Career opportunities

Graduates will be trained Early Childhood teachers with a three-year qualification. Good career prospects exist in early childhood centres, preschools and other early childhood services. The course is accredited by ACECQA, the Australian accrediting authority for early childhood teacher programs. It is important to check requirements in your state or territory for recognition as an early childhood teacher as it varies across jurisdictions.

Diploma of Education

ATAR	45
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Online*
Specialisations	Early Childhood Education, Primary, Secondary (Humanities or STEM), Technology Secondary, Secondary Education/Arts (Creative Writing, Social Sciences or Humanities)
Entry pathway	Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Diploma of Education is a one-year entry-level course that provides students with the opportunity to prepare to study for a professional career pathway in education. The course develops students' knowledge, skills, and capabilities for further education and can also serve as a pathway to direct employment in various paraprofessional contexts.

Diploma of Education graduates are eligible for entry and up to eight units of credit towards the Bachelor of Education, the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, the Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Arts. The course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that learners have diverse experiences and ways of learning. At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

Career opportunities

Graduates will be eligible for employment in various paraprofessional contexts, such as teacher support roles and library assistants.

*Some online units may require on-campus residentials.

Engineering



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Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) student Jack Marr

Learn more
scu.edu.au/engineering

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)

ATAR	70
Specialisations	Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, online*
Professional placement	60 days of engagement with professional practice
Professional recognition	Provisionally accredited by Engineers Australia
Entry pathway	Associate Degree of Engineering (page 31), Diploma of Engineering (page 31), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*The online study mode includes compulsory on-campus residentials. See webpage for details.

The Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) meets the requirements for accreditation at the level of Professional Engineer by Engineers Australia. Foundational core units build knowledge of the basic sciences, and the processes and philosophy that underpin the engineering profession.

You will then choose a specialisation of either civil or mechanical engineering and build discipline knowledge and technical skills with a strong emphasis on project-based learning.

The final year of the course contains advanced discipline-specific research and design units that build skills in independent investigation, critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and ethical and professional behaviour.

Specialisations

Civil Engineering

Students develop skills and knowledge across the breadth of disciplines encompassed by civil engineering, including construction, project management, hydraulic engineering, water and wastewater engineering, structural, geotechnical engineering and transport engineering.

Mechanical Engineering

Students develop skills and knowledge in three main areas that cover all aspects of mechanical engineering. These include mechanical design and manufacturing systems, thermo-fluid mechanics and energy systems, and mechatronics and control systems.

Career opportunities

Graduates from the Civil Engineering specialisation will be able to work in a range of settings, including traffic and transport, humanitarian organisations, engineering design, government authorities, water supply and management agencies, construction companies, natural resource management organisations, consulting engineering companies, mining companies and irrigation authorities.

Graduates from the Mechanical Engineering specialisation have broad employment prospects in local and global industries. They can work in heavy machinery, power generation, mining, manufacturing, production planning, automotive, aerospace, medical, robotics, building industries and consumer product design.

There is a forecast demand for approximately 100,000 additional engineers by 2030, according to Engineers Australia, creating strong employment opportunities nationally and abroad.

Double degrees

The Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) is also available as a double degree with the Bachelor of Business (page 19).

Please check the Southern Cross University website for details about the structure and study options in a double degree.



Building a better world for all

Brigid Richardson
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) student
Assets Engineer/GIS Analyst, Lismore City Council

Picture this: Alarms are sounding. Smoke fills the air. You rush to the fire exit—but the door won't open. Every second counts. What do you do?

In an emergency, evacuation routes are meant to save lives. Yet for people using electric wheelchairs, some fire doors can be extremely difficult to open, creating dangerous delays and barriers to safety. When engineering student Brigid Richardson recognised this issue, she decided to take action.

"I chose to study engineering because I am passionate about universal design," Brigid said. "There are many accessibility issues at present that must be fixed."

Brigid's Honours research focuses on accessibility in fire evacuation. Her work examines how long it takes a person using an electric wheelchair to open a fire door and move through the door, depending on how heavy the opening force of the door is.

Currently studying a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) at Southern Cross University's Lismore campus, Brigid is building practical, hands-on skills that she is already applying in the workplace.

"We have on-campus residentials where we do tensile stress tests for concrete, steel and all different materials. We then do 60 days of work-integrated learning where we get experience working in industry," she said.

As part of her studies, Brigid completed a ground service accessibility program for the campus and completed work experience at Lismore City Council, where she now works as an Assets Engineer and GIS Analyst.

"I look at information for assets from roads to stormwater system, including maintenance and the spatial degree."

Brigid is also the President of the SCU Student Engineering Society, a role that has helped her build strong industry connections and leadership skills.

"We organised for engineering professionals to come in, talk to students, and give them an understanding of employment opportunities and what they are looking for in a candidate."

Looking ahead, Brigid hopes to continue working in the field of fire evacuation accessibility.

"It's a topic that is not explored enough. We need people with firsthand experience and the technical knowledge to give input and make improvements for all."

Associate Degree of Engineering

ATAR	55
Specialisations	Civil Construction, Intelligent Machines
Duration	2 years full-time/ 4 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Online*
Professional placement	30 days engagement with professional practice
Professional recognition	Provisionally accredited by Engineers Australia
Pathway	Diploma of Engineering (page 31), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*The online study mode includes compulsory on-campus residentials. See web page for details.

The Associate Degree of Engineering meets the requirements for accreditation at the level of Engineering Associate by Engineers Australia. The course provides foundational knowledge and skills, application, personal and professional skills required by Engineers Australia.

All students choose a specialisation to tailor their studies. The course is suited to school leavers or those with a trade qualification who are looking to enter the civil construction or manufacturing and production industries in a supervisory, project management or technical role, or progress their careers in these industries to the next level.

Specialisations

Civil Construction

Students develop practical skills and knowledge across the breadth of disciplines encompassed by civil engineering, including construction, project management, and transport engineering.

Intelligent Machines

Students develop skills and knowledge in three main areas that cover all aspects of mechanical engineering. These include mechanical and manufacturing systems and mechatronics and control systems.

Career opportunities

Graduates from the Civil Construction specialisation will be able to work at the level of engineering associate in a range of roles in the civil construction industry related to the design, construction and maintenance of infrastructure, including as site superintendents, site supervisors, and site engineers.

Graduates from the Intelligent Machines specialisation will be able to work at the level of engineering associate in a range of roles in manufacturing and production industries related to building, installing and commissioning, operating, maintaining and repairing control systems, smart machines, and robotic systems.

Diploma of Engineering

ATAR	45
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Online
Entry pathway	Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

This course develops fundamental academic and engineering skills for a broad range of engineering systems and the capacity to create simple engineering designs for paraprofessional roles in engineering professions.

Successful completion of the Diploma of Engineering will enable entry and up to eight units of credit towards the Southern Cross Associate Degree of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours).

The course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that learners have diverse experiences and ways of learning.

At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

Career opportunities

Graduates will have opportunities to work at a paraprofessional level in engineering professions.

Health



3 on-campus Health Clinics provide safe and supervised environments for practicums

Global exchange opportunities

Simulation hospital environments for advanced learning

The healthcare sector offers fantastic employment prospects and a diverse range of satisfying and meaningful careers.

At Southern Cross University we are deeply committed to delivering training of the highest standard for the professionals our communities need, with a global focus on practice and learning.



Good things to know about studies in health:

- Some degrees have inherent and additional requirements like vaccinations or police checks that you need to fulfil to graduate and be eligible for professional registration. Some accrediting bodies have English language standards you need to meet before you can register in your profession. Please check the course web page for details about the course you are interested in. Some of these requirements need time to complete and can incur additional costs.
- If you are starting your studies in July, you will be studying part-time for the first six months.

Learn more
scu.edu.au/health

Bachelor of Biomedical Science

ATAR	70
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast
Professional placement	140 hours
Entry pathway	Diploma of Clinical and Allied Health (page 47), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Bachelor of Biomedical Science provides you with a scientific understanding of the structure and function of the human body and the interrelationships between health and disease. Together with foundational sciences, you will explore the intricacies of human health and examine the pathological basis of disease processes by studying human pathophysiology, molecular genetics, immunology and pharmacology.

This course has a strong mathematical component and is taught in laboratories equipped with cutting-edge analytical equipment. It provides a solid base in biomedical science, from anatomy, immunology, neuroscience and microbiology to haematology and more. A substantial professional placement builds invaluable on-the-job experience.

Career opportunities

Graduates with a biomedical science degree can pursue careers in various fields, including biomedical and health research, university and government research, and hospital, veterinary, and pathology laboratories (in laboratory assistant or technician roles). Additional opportunities exist in scientific sales, quality assurance, health departments, and the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries.

Graduates may also pursue postgraduate degrees such as pharmacy and physiotherapy, or choose to pursue medicine or other careers.

Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology

ATAR	70
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast, Northern Rivers
Professional placement	514 hours
Professional recognition	Exercise and Sport Science Australia, AUSactive, Australian Strength and Conditioning Association
Entry pathway	Diploma of Clinical and Allied Health (page 47), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology is a four-year degree that develops expert knowledge about how exercise can improve health and wellbeing and manage chronic disease. It prepares you for an exciting career as an accredited exercise physiologist, the fastest-growing group of allied health professionals in Australia.

The course will build your knowledge and expertise to assess, prescribe and deliver exercise programs to assist clients better manage their health.

Career opportunities

Clinical exercise physiologists are skilled in assessing, prescribing and delivering exercise programs to assist clients better manage their health and a range of chronic disease conditions, such as diabetes, cancer, cardiac, respiratory, musculoskeletal, neurological disease and mental health conditions. Medicare and many private health insurers recognise and cover services supplied by accredited exercise physiologists.



Opening new doors

Clinical Exercise Physiology student Vincent says an injury motivated him to switch careers into the health field.

"It was good for me because the main goal of exercise physiology is to help people and having gone through an experience like that myself, I have a lot of empathy for people that are struggling.

"I've been to a variety of different places for work experience placements, including allied health clinics, over 50s gyms and the on-campus health clinic. It's been really good because there's been such a vast array of opportunities for me and I get to see the whole spectrum of what I'm capable of doing."



From patient to practitioner

Scott Painter
Practice Manager and Head Accredited Exercise Physiologist, Headway ABI Australia
Clinical Exercise Physiology alumnus

Scott Painter is combining personal experience and clinical knowledge to empower people with brain injuries to pursue their passions.

After suffering a brain injury and multiple strokes at the age of 17, resulting in a year-long hospital stint, Scott had to relearn how to do everything.

"Some of the staff there were great, but I did have some health professionals say to me: 'I've seen heaps of people like you – you'll never eat again, or walk again', and that's not exactly something a 17-year-old wants to hear when they're so early in life," said Scott.

Now in his thirties, not only did Scott make a full recovery, he works as the Practice Manager and Head Accredited Exercise Physiologist at Headway ABI Australia on the Gold Coast. He specialises in Neurological Physical Rehabilitation, helping others overcome the devastating effects of acquired brain injuries.

After completing Southern Cross University's Preparing for Success Program, a fee-free pathway course, Scott decided to study clinical exercise physiology.

"Southern Cross was incredible in the support they provided. Their disability support is what helped get me through. The lecturers were so accommodating. I would record my lectures on a dictaphone, and when I was doing my recovery – my therapies and rehab at home – I would listen to the lectures, so I was studying and doing my recovery at the same time," he said.

"The support I received from Southern Cross was incredible, second-to-none. I don't think I could've gone anywhere else.

"My past medical history means I have that dual perspective of being a patient and now being a practitioner, so having that knowledge of what it is they might be going through, it does makes me quite a rare practitioner. Demonstrating genuine care is essential as patients are more receptive to your knowledge when they feel personally supported."

Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies)

ATAR	65
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast
Professional placement	320 hours
Professional recognition	Osteopathy Board of Australia
Entry pathway	Diploma of Clinical and Allied Health (page 47), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies) has a strong clinical focus and provides you with a comprehensive grounding in biomedical science and health. During the course, you will gain the knowledge and skills required to continue postgraduate study in osteopathic medicine, which is required for registration as an osteopath. Core units include the study of advanced levels of anatomy and physiology, particularly the structure and function of the muscular and nervous systems.

Career opportunities

Osteopaths work in private practice. To become a registered osteopath, you need to successfully complete both the Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies) and Southern Cross University's Master of Osteopathic Medicine.

Total full-time duration of both courses is 4.5 years.

Osteopathy

Osteopathy is a hands-on manual therapy that restores movement and function through a combination of massage, joint movement, stretches, gentle joint manipulation and exercise.

In Australia, osteopaths are government-registered allied health practitioners who complete university training in anatomy, physiology, pathology, general healthcare diagnosis, and osteopathic techniques. Osteopaths can provide all-round osteopathic care, as well as concentrating on specific areas of practice, such as exercise-based rehabilitation, pain management, paediatric and sports medicine.

Southern Cross University is the only university in Queensland to offer studies in osteopathy.



Bachelor of Counselling

ATAR	65
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, online*
Professional placement	200 hours
Professional recognition	Australian Counselling Association
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health and Human Sciences (page 47), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*Includes on-campus residentials

Demand for mental health professionals is at an all-time high. If you enjoy working with people and creating positive change, counselling offers both a meaningful career and excellent employment prospects.

The Bachelor of Counselling provides a foundation in psychology, assessment and interventions, counselling theory and practice, and building relationships. Students will build skills in counselling practice with extensive placement experiences. The University is home to an active community of researchers and thought leaders in social work and policy, psychology and community welfare.

Career opportunities

Graduates may work in the public and private health sector as a counsellor. This might include hospitals or community health services as well as in private practice.



"I have enjoyed the hands-on and supportive learning environment and have developed my understanding of counselling micro-skills, theory and research. I look forward to working as a skilled practitioner."

Matthew Watkins
Bachelor of Counselling student

Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science

ATAR	70
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast, Northern Rivers
Professional placement	140 hours
Professional recognition	Australian Psychology Accreditation Council, Exercise & Sport Science Australia, AUSactive, Australian Strength and Conditioning Association
Entry pathway	Diploma of Clinical and Allied Health (page 47), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science provides understanding of the structure and function of the human body as it relates to movement, the interrelationships between health and disease, and the psychological basis of human behaviour.

Core units in exercise science include anatomy, biomechanics, physiology, strength and conditioning, and motor control. In psychological science, core units include assessment, methodology and principles of behaviour.

Career opportunities

Graduates may choose to pursue further training to gain registration as a psychologist or as an accredited exercise physiologist.

Other opportunities exist in careers that have therapeutic connections to sport and exercise, such as physical activity promotion and rehabilitation.





"This degree has allowed me to explore the human experience from multiple perspectives. The blend of deep, philosophical concepts with practical, hands-on learning has truly given me the best of both worlds."

Jasmine Hawkins
Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science student



Bachelor of Health Science (Health and Lifestyle)

ATAR	65
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, Northern Rivers
Professional placement	52 hours
Professional recognition	Complementary Medicine Association, Massage & Myotherapy Australia
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health and Human Sciences (page 47), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Bachelor of Health Science (Health and Lifestyle) is a foundation degree for students who wish to pursue a career in health, naturopathic medicine or lifestyle medicine.

The degree develops an understanding of health science, social science, lifestyle medicine, clinical science, scientific enquiry and naturopathic medicine. Students will also develop a theoretical and practical understanding of health promotion through undertaking an integrated health placement or naturopathic medicine professional/industry placement.

Career opportunities

This course provides a direct pathway into the Master of Naturopathic Medicine, which enables graduates to practise as a Clinical Naturopath. Clinical Naturopaths work in private practice, in aged care, palliative care or in an integrative health clinic. Graduates will also be well-prepared for diverse roles working within healthcare teams (as an allied health assistant, health/lifestyle coach or care coordinator), community teams (as a health promotion officer, community development officer or project officer), industry (as a product developer) or independently (as a health/lifestyle consultant, or health communicator/writer).

Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science

ATAR	65
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast
Professional placement	560 hours
Professional recognition	The University is seeking accreditation from the Australian Institute of Medical and Clinical Scientists (AIMS) in 2026.
Entry pathway	Diploma of Clinical and Allied Health (page 47), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science provides foundational knowledge in the medical diagnoses and management of disease. Students will gain hands-on learning in practical laboratories, using modern technologies to analyse and diagnose medical conditions.

Delve into foundational medical science such as anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, biogeochemistry and genetics before progressing to advanced studies in haematology, infectious disease, histopathology and genetic pathology.

Students gain practical skills and knowledge to prepare them for practice in pathology and clinical laboratories. Graduates will be able to perform clinical testing, analysis and report accurate and helpful results to physicians for their patients, supported by critical and clinical reasoning.

Career opportunities

Graduates will be well-prepared to work as Medical Laboratory Scientists in pathology and forensic laboratories. Graduates will also be qualified for scientist and quality assurance positions in biomedical, hospital, veterinary, university and government research laboratories and offices.

Bachelor of Midwifery

ATAR	80
Duration	3 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast
Professional placement	Approximately 1,000 hours of supervised midwifery Work Integrated Learning (WIL)
Professional recognition	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
Entry pathway	Preparing for Success Program (page 13) or Transition to Uni (page 13) with required GPA.

The Bachelor of Midwifery is specifically designed to prepare you for entry to professional midwifery practice. You will develop the skills and knowledge to provide evidence-based care in accordance with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Midwife standards for practice.

Study areas include anatomy and physiology, midwifery theory and practice, primary healthcare, perinatal mental health, care during preconception, pregnancy, labour and birth, and early parenting.

Graduates will be equipped to work in multi-disciplinary teams in partnership with women to contribute to healthier outcomes for women and their babies.

Career opportunities

Registered midwives are employed in various settings (midwifery group practice, in public and private hospitals and community, maternity, and neonatal healthcare settings in urban, rural and remote areas). There are numerous opportunities for career progression as clinical midwifery consultants, midwifery educators, midwifery unit managers, community midwives, researchers, and as independent midwives (with further training).

Bachelor of Nursing

ATAR	70
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast, Northern Rivers
Professional placement	840 hours
Professional recognition	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health and Human Sciences (page 47), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

Southern Cross provides the highest quality learning for the future health workforce. The Bachelor of Nursing is available as both a three-year degree and also as a two-year course for Enrolled Nurses.

Our nursing curriculum emphasises social accountability, local and Indigenous knowledge, interprofessional education, global health, quality and safety, leadership, and evidence-based practice. Students learn within a framework that integrates the humanities and physical sciences, public health, e-health technologies, and organisational sciences into nursing practice.

We are strongly committed to rural and remote, aged care, mental health and Indigenous health.

Career opportunities

Graduate opportunities for Registered Nurses exist in a range of health sectors from clinical settings through to education and research.

Registered Nurses may pursue clinical specialities across the continuum of acute, primary and community healthcare settings, become nurse practitioners, senior defence force personnel or business owners.



Biomechanics tracks, sim dolls and teaching labs: Southern Cross facilities are the picture of health

Our campuses house state-of-the-art exercise science facilities, simulation hospital wards and daily living laboratories where students learn on tools and equipment they will use in their professions.



Bachelor of Nursing – Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse pathway

Duration	2 years full-time/4 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast, Northern Rivers
Professional placement	Minimum 600 hours
Professional accreditation	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

The Bachelor of Nursing Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse Pathway is specifically designed for enrolled nurses to become registered nurses in just two years.

Specialist conversion units lead into units that build knowledge in professional nursing, biological sciences and social sciences, building on your professional experience and previous study.

You'll have the opportunity to specialise in specific clinical areas of interest based on availability and supervisory facilities and learn in state-of-the-art facilities with interactive models and simulation laboratories.

This course is available to enrolled nurses who have completed an ANMAC-approved Diploma in Nursing.



A calling to help others inspired former carpenter Thomas Neller to trade in his tools for scrubs and pursue a meaningful career in nursing. Once building door frames, Tom is now opening doors to global experiences, diverse healthcare systems, and a future filled with purpose.

Now in the third year of his degree, Tom is thriving in his studies and has received two scholarships to travel both domestically and abroad to broaden his nursing experiences.

"These opportunities have reinforced for me that I am entering a field where I will have a pretty big purpose," said Tom.

Tom Neller
Assistant in Nursing
Bachelor of Nursing student



Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

ATAR	70
Major	Indigenous Health (optional)
Duration	4 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, October
Location	Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast
Professional placement	1,000 hours
Professional recognition	Occupational Therapy Council
Entry pathway	Diploma of Clinical and Allied Health (page 47), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

Occupational therapists assist people of all ages and abilities to do what they need and want to do at home, work, school and in the community. They do this by transforming and adapting environments, people and activities to enhance participation in everyday tasks which are known as 'occupations'.

In the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, you will study occupational therapy theory and practice, occupational transitions across the lifespan, environmental modification, equipment prescription, task adaptation, health promotion, social sciences, and biological sciences. You will also have the opportunity of real-world experience through work-integrated learning and have the option to major in Indigenous Health.

Career opportunities

Occupational therapists are employed in a range of sectors including private practices, hospitals, community health, mental health services, schools and prisons. There are also career options in research and education.



Bachelor of Physiotherapy

ATAR	85
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast
Professional placement	1,000 hours
Professional recognition	Physiotherapy Board of Australia

The Bachelor of Physiotherapy will graduate physiotherapists who have the knowledge and skills required to operate effectively and ethically as primary contact practitioners.

You will study functional human anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, neuroscience, pain sciences, therapeutic exercise, psychology, pharmacology and develop an understanding of acute, chronic, acquired, and developmental diseases and injury across the lifespan.

Throughout your degree you will learn and implement strategies and programs to prevent and manage illness and injury and optimise wellbeing, movement, function and performance, using a person-centred and evidence-based approach.

Graduates will be progressive, adaptive, innovative, and able to incorporate up-to-date evidence and effective technologies, working autonomously and within a team in diverse health care settings, with people of all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds.

Career opportunities

Physiotherapists work collaboratively as part of primary health care teams in diverse environments, with people across the lifespan. They can work in settings such as hospitals or private practice, in sports teams or academies, or in rehabilitation, residential and community centres. Physiotherapists can have successful careers as clinicians, or also work in roles as educators, managers or researchers.

Bachelor of Psychological Science

ATAR	70
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast, online
Professional recognition	Conditionally accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health and Human Sciences (page 47), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Bachelor of Psychological Science combines fundamental theories with real-world applications, giving you the tools to understand human behaviour in all its complexity.

Choose the study mode that suits your life—fully online or a blend of on-campus and online learning—while benefiting from the direct support of expert academics.

You'll study everything from the biology of the brain to the cross-cultural factors that influence how we connect. The curriculum blends core psychological theories with hands-on exploration. As you progress, you'll enhance your cultural awareness and ethical understanding, helping you view psychology as a science with social responsibility at its core.

Career opportunities

You'll be prepared for a wide range of career pathways, such as working in health, disability, youth, or corrective services, joining research organisations like the CSIRO, or moving into private industry in management, human resources, or corporate consultancy.

Alternatively, you can pursue a PhD or undertake further training for professional registration as a psychologist.

To be eligible for registration as a psychologist, students complete:

Bachelor of Psychological Science +
Bachelor of Psychological Science with Honours +
Master of Professional Psychology =
total 5 years academic preparation + 1-year internship

Southern Cross University offers a one-year full-time Bachelor of Psychological Science with Honours, please visit our website for more details.

Double degrees

The Bachelor of Psychological Science is also available as a double degree with the Bachelor of Laws (page 59) or the Bachelor of Business (page 19).

Please check the Southern Cross University web site for details about the structure and study options in a double degree.



"My degree has been really valuable in helping me in my youth work. All of the things I have learnt have really equipped me when I'm working with a child that is escalating. I have the ability to sit with them through that, explain what's going on and make them feel heard. It's just the best feeling in the world when that happens."

Olivia Noffke
Bachelor of Psychological Science graduate

Bachelor of Speech Pathology

ATAR	70
Major	Indigenous Health (optional)
Duration	4 years full-time/8 years part-time
Starts	March, October
Location	Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast
Professional placement	910 hours
Professional recognition	Speech Pathology Australia
Entry pathway	Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Bachelor of Speech Pathology prepares you for entry into professional speech pathology practice. Speech pathologists assess, diagnose, and treat people of all ages with communication and/or swallowing difficulties.

The course includes introductory units such as Introduction to the Speech Pathology Profession and Communication Across the Lifespan, as well as science-based units in anatomy, physiology and neurology for speech pathology. Embedded throughout the course are principles of evidence-based practice, cultural competency and multimodal communication.

Career opportunities

Speech pathologists are employed in private practice, education settings, in government agencies or in the health and wellbeing industry. Speech pathologists work independently and also with other health and education specialists in interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary teams.



"I love seeing first-hand the work Speech Therapists do, and how immersive the course is at Southern Cross. It's really confirming for me that this is the career path I'm meant to take."

Bronte Wall
Bachelor of Speech Pathology student

Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science

ATAR	65
Majors	Business and Management; Physical Education; Strength, Conditioning and Coaching
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast, Lismore
Professional placement	154 hours (140 hours + 14 hours Telehealth)
Professional recognition	Exercise and Sport Science Australia, AUSactive, Australian Strength and Conditioning Association
Entry pathway	Diploma of Clinical and Allied Health (page 47), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science is a three-year degree that provides graduates with expert knowledge and skills in exercise science. You will be exposed to the role of exercise in health, fitness, well-being, and sporting performance.

Additionally, this degree has a strong emphasis in developing an understanding of strength, conditioning, and coaching principles preparing you for an exciting career in sport and exercise science.

Career opportunities

As an exercise scientist, graduates can expect to gain employment in sports coaching, strength and conditioning, sport development, performance testing, health promotion, and sports or recreation facility and program management.

This degree is also a pathway to the Master of Teaching that can prepare students as PDHPE teachers in secondary schools.



Diploma of Clinical and Allied Health

ATAR	45
Specialisations	Biomedical and Medical Laboratory Science; Exercise Science and Exercise Physiology; Exercise Science and Psychological Sciences; Occupational Therapy; Osteopathic Studies
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, online*
Professional placement	10 hours (Osteopathic Studies specialisation)
Entry pathway	Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*Not all units are available online. Not all specialisations are available at all locations. Check the web page for details.

The Diploma of Clinical and Allied Health is a pathway program into a range of clinically-focused health degrees at Southern Cross University. The course will equip you with foundational knowledge and skills across a range of health disciplines.

This course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that students have diverse experiences and ways of learning. At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the Diploma of Clinical and Allied Health can seek professional work in a range of health professions including as healthcare assistants.

Successful completion of the Diploma of Health provides eligibility for entry and up to eight units of credit towards a linked Southern Cross Bachelor degree in biomedical science, medical laboratory science, sport and exercise science, clinical exercise physiology, exercise science and psychological science, occupational therapy and clinical sciences (osteopathic studies).

Diploma of Health and Human Sciences

ATAR	45
Specialisations	Community Welfare, Counselling, Psychological Sciences, Naturopathic Studies, Nursing
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast, Northern Rivers*
Professional placement	8 hours (Naturopathic Studies specialisation)
Entry pathway	Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*Not all specialisations are available at all locations. Check the web page for details.

The Diploma of Health and Human Sciences is a pathway into a range of community health disciplines and provides the foundational knowledge and skills to undertake a linked health degree at Southern Cross University.

This course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that students have diverse experiences and ways of learning. At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the Diploma of Health and Human Sciences can seek professional work in a range of health professions including as healthcare assistants.

Successful completion of the Diploma of Health and Human Sciences provides eligibility for entry and up to eight units of credit towards a linked Southern Cross Bachelor degree in community welfare, social work, counselling, psychological science, health science (health and lifestyle) or nursing.

Hotel and Tourism Management

The Hotel School Australia



Australia's first Hotel School

Industry connections facilitate work placements in Australia and abroad

Metro locations for work and lifestyle

The Hotel School Australia

Southern Cross was the first university in the country to offer tertiary studies in hotel and tourism management. The University's Hotel School has campuses in premier capital city locations of Brisbane, Sydney, Perth and Melbourne.

Practical internships with mentorship from experienced industry professionals is a key part of our courses. This means you will be well-prepared for the demands of this dynamic sector once you graduate, with professional networks already in place – a key factor for career success.



Learn more
scu.edu.au/study/hotel-management

The Hotel School Australia

The University's Hotel School has campuses in the centres of Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane, perfectly located not only for study but also for internships in leading tourism and hospitality businesses.

The Hotel School Australia offers undergraduate and postgraduate studies in tourism and hotel management, with extended Work Integrated Learning and placements.

As a Southern Cross University student at The Hotel School Australia, you will not only join a globally ranked university, you'll be part of a brand that is synonymous with excellence in hotel and hospitality management around the world. You will graduate with an award conferred by Southern Cross University.

Bachelor of Global Hotel and Tourism Management

Admission does not require an ATAR. Applicants must have completed Australian Year 12 (or equivalent) and successfully complete an online questionnaire assessing industry fit and motivation.

Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Gold Coast
Professional placement	600 hours of paid internship opportunities are a key feature of the course. This may be completed in Australia or overseas.
Entry pathways	Associate Degree of Global Hotel Management, Diploma of Global Hotel Management, Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

Associate Degree of Global Hotel Management

Admission does not require an ATAR. Applicants must have completed Australian Year 12 (or equivalent) and successfully complete an online questionnaire assessing industry fit and motivation.

Duration	2 years full-time/4 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Gold Coast
Professional placement	600 hours of paid internship opportunities are a key feature of the course. This may be completed in Australia or overseas.
Entry pathway	Diploma of Global Hotel Management, Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

Diploma of Global Hotel Management

Admission does not require an ATAR. Applicants must have completed Australian Year 12 (or equivalent) and successfully complete an online questionnaire assessing industry fit and motivation.

Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth
Entry pathway	Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

Indigenous Knowledge



Culturally safe

Dynamic and innovative course for all people

Strong links with local Elders and communities as well as international relationships

Global experiences

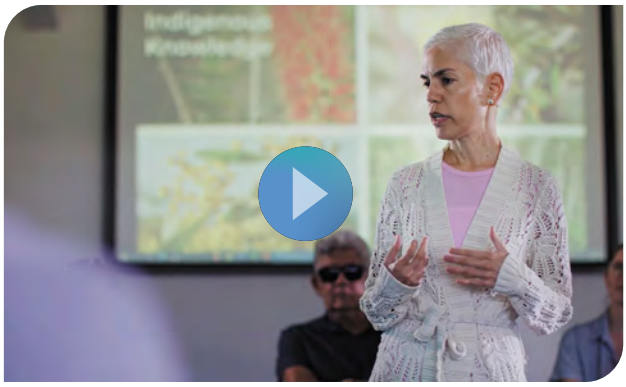
Informed by generations of knowledge. Indigenous Knowledge is always current. Indigenous Knowledge is for all.

At Gnibi College you can learn through a sophisticated and cumulative system of understandings, skills, and philosophies developed by communities with deep, long-standing relationships to their lived environments.

Indigenous Knowledge is living and relational; it carries its own agency.

There is no separation between knowing and our shared humanity—no external structure on which knowledge must "hang." Indigenous Knowledge gives us the freedom to reimagine our living human and natural contexts into the future.

The Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge positions graduates to engage ethically, intelligently and effectively to work with a range of industries, which can include business, design, health, education and training, technology, engineering, sciences, law and humanities.



Watch to learn more
youtube.com/watch?v=iD_FbHqfdEY

Learn more
scu.edu.au/study/indigenous-knowledge

Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge

ATAR	60
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Online*
Entry pathway	Diploma of Indigenous Knowledge (Land and Sea Management) (Page 53), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*Online students attend compulsory residential workshops at Lismore campus for some units.

The Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge positions our graduates to engage ethically, intelligently and effectively in a wide range of domains.

The course focuses on Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing as guides to build skills and capacities to respond to an ever-changing world. Through a principled and protocoled approach to teaching and learning, students will engage with a distinct way of knowing, to better understand their way of being, to ultimately inform a respectful way of doing.

This is achieved through an active and positive learning environment that is informed by Indigenous cultural frameworks, affirms Indigenous Knowledge systems and focuses on theory and practice innovation.

An Indigenous Knowledge major or elective units give you the opportunity to pursue other disciplines and interests.

Career opportunities

Career opportunities exist to apply Indigenous Knowledge practices across a wide range of existing and emerging fields which may include business, design, health, Government, policy, project management, education and training, technology, engineering, sciences, law and humanities.

Eligible graduates can apply for the Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge with Honours as a pathway to the Doctor of Indigenous Philosophies and to other postgraduate programs offered by Southern Cross University.



Three generations of First Nations women create proud alumni legacy

Keyarrah Sweetwater-Delauney
Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge graduate

Joint Management Coordinator, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service

When Wiradyuri woman Carol De Launey crossed Southern Cross University's graduation stage in 2002, she did not know she would be trailblazing a path for generations of her family over the next two decades.

Carol graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy, followed by her daughter Tanietta De Launey, who graduated in 2012, and her granddaughter Keyarrah Sweetwater-Delauney, who crossed the stage in 2025.

Keyarrah entered university through the Preparing for Success Program, a pathway program that develops academic skills, before enrolling in the Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge. During her studies, she received the support of the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS), and passed with flying colours.

"This has been the most challenging and transformative journey of my life," she says.

"University was so much more than I expected. Throughout the course I had so many meaningful experiences with Elders, Indigenous academics and with cultural events at Gnibi. It was a special time in my life that I will never forget.

Keyarrah is currently employed with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service as a Joint Management Coordinator, working with Native Title holders across the Northern NSW Branch of NPWS. "My role involves acting as a key link between NPWS and local Aboriginal communities to support and implement joint management of national parks. I am extremely proud to be working in this space and to be able to meaningfully apply the knowledge and skills I gained through my undergraduate degree."



"I'm deeply grateful for the opportunities that have come from studying a Bachelor degree. This experience has shaped who I am today and opened doors I never imagined possible."

"I'm interested in pursuing postgraduate studies. I'm passionate about Nation-building and committed to creating opportunities that centre Indigenous strengths and knowledge systems in everything I do."

Diploma of Indigenous Knowledge (Land and Sea Management)

ATAR	45
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Online
Entry pathway	Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Diploma of Indigenous Knowledge (Land and Sea Management) equips students with the skills and knowledge to work on Country in land and sea management roles.

The course applies Indigenous knowledge through relational and informed learning sustaining foundational knowledge in environmental and conservation sciences.

Career opportunities

Career opportunities exist to apply Indigenous Knowledge practices across a wide range of existing and emerging fields and roles which may include rangers, project lead, environmental monitoring officer or engagement officer.

Successful completion of the Diploma of Indigenous Knowledge (Land and Sea Management) provides eligibility and up to eight units of credit towards Southern Cross University's Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge or the Bachelor of Science.



Information Technology



Former pro-athlete Jake Jensen put down his paddle to study a Bachelor of Information Technology

Globally recognised Microsoft certifications

Australian Computer Society accreditation for Bachelor of Information Technology

Global experiences and Work-Integrated Learning

A career in IT is a journey into innovation. Be at the cutting edge of tomorrow's technology where you can be a catalyst for change and a creator of solutions.

Whether you see yourself as an Artificial Intelligence maestro, a coding wizard, a cybersecurity superhero, or a data artist, our information technology courses mark the exciting start of a future with limitless possibilities.

Designed to keep pace with a fast-moving industry, these courses build skills for today's tech and emerging technologies of the future.

Microsoft certifications are embedded in fundamental IT units, allowing students to earn industry-recognised qualifications as they learn.



Bachelor of Information Technology graduate Jack Russell now works for Amazon Web Services in San Francisco.

Learn more
scu.edu.au/information-technology

Bachelor of Information Technology

ATAR	70
Specialisations	Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney, Brisbane, Online
Professional placement	12-week compulsory industry placement
Professional recognition	Australian Computer Society
Entry pathway	Diploma of Information Technology (page 57), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

If IT is your passion, the Bachelor of Information Technology immerses you in a field that is driving our world forward.

Career options are broad, from securing our digital systems, developing artificial intelligent solutions, to building cloud applications.

Study on-campus or online and take advantage of an industry placement that adds hands-on, real-life experience.

You can tailor your studies through the choice of a specialisation in either artificial intelligence or cybersecurity.

Built for an industry that never stands still, these courses prepare students to work with today's technologies while staying ready for what's next. Microsoft certifications are integrated into key IT units, offering industry-recognised qualifications along the way. These certifications are built into assessments and fully funded by the University.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the course can look forward to an exciting career across a wide range of industries and across government, private sector and not-for-profit organisations in roles such as cybersecurity analyst, AI and Machine Learning engineer, software developer, network engineer, data analyst, IT consultant, IT trainer or educator, and technical support professional.

Double degrees

The Bachelor of Information Technology is also available as a double degree with the Bachelor of Business (page 19).

Please check the Southern Cross University web site for details about the structure and study options in a double degree.

Sky is the limit for IT graduate



Emma Taylor
Bachelor of Information Technology graduate
Chief Technology Officer - Airline Operations, Virgin Australia

As Chief Technology Officer - Airline Operations at Virgin Australia, Emma Taylor uses her IT skills to help innovative technologies take flight.

She runs a technology department of over 120 people and is responsible for the shared enterprise technology platforms – all things data and integration, automation, digital engineering, architecture, and the burgeoning area of Gen-AI.

After graduating with a Bachelor of IT from Southern Cross University, Emma launched her career as programmer-analyst, then portfolio manager, solution architect, consulting architect, and then as head of technology, across some of Australia's biggest companies.

She says the advances in AI are mind-blowing.

"Now with the ability to integrate AI into our systems, we are taking a two-fold approach of buying AI-enabled software and we are also building our own machine learning and AI models. We're experimenting with how a production capability might look and how we manage and govern this new technology," Emma says.

"Advances in AI are happening at such a rapid pace. It's been a passion project for our people who've put their hand up to help take it forward.

"My degree at Southern Cross Uni was well-rounded from an IT perspective. We had good exposure to lots of disciplines from accounting to programming. My degree focused on business systems which led into working as a systems analyst and in data. I started working in business intelligence and found that all the coding experience – I loved coding at uni – was relevant for me."



Diploma of Information Technology

ATAR	45
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney, Brisbane, online
Entry pathway	Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

Looking for a career in the dynamic world of IT? The Diploma of Information Technology is an excellent place to start. Combining foundation IT units with academic skills units, this course has a focus on developing technical skills and knowledge with a clear pathway to a Bachelor degree.

Successful completion of the Diploma of Information Technology will enable entry and up to eight units of credit towards the Southern Cross University Bachelor of Information Technology.

The course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that learners have diverse experiences and ways of learning.

At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

Career opportunities

The Diploma of Information Technology is a pathway course that equips students with foundational knowledge and skills in information technology. This course will give you a foundation in Information and Communication Technologies with an opportunity to take on further study to move towards a career as a cybersecurity analyst, AI and Machine Learning engineer, software developer, network engineer, data analyst, or IT consultant.



Law



Diverse pathways to law

Double degrees: Expand your career options with an extra year or two of study

Get an accredited law degree in just three years

Whether it's defending a client in court, challenging a ruling before a tribunal, building a case to protect the environment or kick-starting a corporate career, a law degree can get you there.

With a focus on social justice, critical thinking, academic rigour and work-ready skills, our professionally-accredited qualifications open the way to a range of careers in law and justice.



Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business graduate Isaac Hawkins is the Founder and Director of Australian Employee Lawyers.

Learn more
scu.edu.au/law

Bachelor of Laws

ATAR	80
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	Online*
Professional placement	Optional placement unit
Professional recognition	Legal Profession Admission Board
Entry pathway	Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) (page 61), Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies (page 61), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*Some elective units include a compulsory on-campus workshop.

The Bachelor of Laws will equip you with the intellectual, critical and practical skills needed in the professional practice of law. The course includes unique core units such as theories of law and environmental law that reflect our focus on justice, sustainability and critique. Elective units cover areas as diverse as AI regulation, human rights, race and the law, animal law, climate law and policy, psychology and the law and ecological jurisprudence.

An elective in mediation meets national requirements that set you on the way to becoming an accredited mediator. You may also undertake work placements and law mooting as part of your studies.

Career opportunities

This course will equip graduates with the skills to start a legal career and practise as a lawyer, and for a wide range of careers in corporate management, and community and private sectors.

During their careers, graduates may choose to specialise in government and/or in fields such as family law, wills and estate planning, criminal law, corporate law, property and conveyancing law, town planning and environmental law, employment and industrial relations law, commercial law, compensation law, entertainment law and sports law.

Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts

ATAR	80
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	Online*
Professional placement	Optional placement unit
Professional recognition	Legal Profession Admission Board
Entry pathway	Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) (page 61), Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies (page 61), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*Some elective units include a compulsory on-campus workshop.

Gain the qualifications for a Law degree, and major in Creative Writing, Social Science or the Humanities, in a double degree that will expand your skills, knowledge and career prospects.

The Law component of the degree will provide you with the intellectual, critical, and practical skills needed in the professional practice of law. You may undertake work-integrated learning (voluntary legal experience and professional placement) with legal firms, or undertake community arts learning opportunities, helping you build practical skills and develop professional networks.

The Arts component of the degree focuses on developing cultural awareness and understanding how to build creative and communicative abilities, and provides highly valued transferable skills.

Graduates can pursue career opportunities that combine proficiency in the arts and law, and those specific to each discipline, including work in private practice as a solicitor or barrister, in government departments, nongovernment agencies, legal organisations, media, public relations and creative industries.

Additional double degrees

The Bachelor of Laws is also available as a double degree with the Bachelor of Business (page 19) or the Bachelor of Psychological Science (page 44).

Please check the Southern Cross University web site for details.



Representing Australia as foreign diplomat

Emily Williams
Vice Consul, Australian Consulate in Noumea, New Caledonia.
Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Social Science graduate

A law degree has sparked global opportunities for graduate Emily Williams, from New Caledonia to New York. Her leadership during global crises saw Emily named Southern Cross University's 2025 Young Alumnus of the Year.

Upon completion of her degree, Emily landed a prestigious role in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) graduate program.

Graduating from the program early, Emily was posted to the Australian Embassy in Serbia where she worked as Third Secretary for five months, assisting in consular and passport matters. Emily assisted with advising on complex consular cases, performing notarial work for clients and administrative tasks in the Embassy.

From there, Emily worked as a Policy Officer for Thailand and Laos in DFAT's Office of Southeast Asia before being posted to her current position as Vice Consul at the Australian Consulate in Noumea, New Caledonia.

"I am interpreting policy and legislation every day in my role, and I also need strong analytical and writing skills, so having a law degree under my belt has been really helpful," Emily said.

One of the greatest moments in Emily's career so far was representing Australia at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York in 2024.

She says her studies gave her a strong foundation to build a meaningful career in law.

"I chose to study at Southern Cross because I wanted a university that was going to support me to flourish in my own way and not put me in a box. The more I studied there the more I realised it was supporting me as a person. And that's ultimately what led me to my career as a diplomat."

Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies

ATAR	60
Major	Conveyancing (optional)
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October (online only)
Location	Gold Coast, online*^
Professional placement	Optional placement unit
Professional recognition	NSW Fair Trading (conveyancing major)
Entry pathway	Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) (page 61), Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice) (page 62), Diploma of Legal Studies (page 62), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*Some elective units include a compulsory on-campus workshop
^There will be opportunity to attend some units on campus

The Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies brings together studies in law and politics. It is an excellent degree for those wanting to work in policy development, paralegal positions, conveyancing, and in the justice sector.

It provides a thorough practical grounding in legal knowledge and a strong understanding of Australian politics and society. If you have already been working professionally in the fields of law and justice, this course will extend your knowledge, skills and expertise.

Career opportunities

The Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, when studied with the Conveyancing major, is a recognised educational qualification for a licensed conveyancer in NSW.

Students wanting to become lawyers may receive advanced standing for eligible units in the Bachelor of Laws, during or on completion of the Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies.

Other career outcomes include law-related work in legal firms, government policy making, corporate firms, government legal departments, law enforcement agencies, legal aid offices, court administration, public prosecutions, and in the corporate sector in banking, insurance and conveyancing.

Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies)

ATAR	55
Major	Conveyancing (optional)
Duration	2 years full-time/4 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	Online*^
Professional placement	Optional placement unit
Professional recognition	NSW Fair Trading (Conveyancing major)
Entry pathway	Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice) (page 62), Diploma of Legal Studies (page 62), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*Some elective units include a compulsory on-campus workshop
^There will be opportunity to attend some units on campus

The Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) provides an academic qualification as a paralegal or conveyancer and an entry pathway to the Bachelor of Laws.

You will gain foundational knowledge about the Australian legal system and its processes, develop skills in legal research and writing, and attain a working understanding of key legal principles. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain a formal qualification and start working in a wide range of industries as a paraprofessional.

Career opportunities

Paralegals work with solicitors and barristers, in government legal departments, law enforcement agencies, legal aid offices, court administration, public prosecutions, in the community sector and in the corporate sector in finance, banking, insurance and conveyancing.

Students who achieve the required grade point average during or on completion of this degree may apply for admission into the undergraduate entry Bachelor of Laws.

Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice)

ATAR	45
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March, July, October
Location	Online*
Professional Placement	Optional placement unit
Professional recognition	NSW Fair Trading
Entry pathway	Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*There will be opportunity to attend some units on campus

The Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice) is a fantastic opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills needed for a career as a paralegal or conveyancer. It also offers a solid foundation in legal principles and the academic skills needed to pursue further legal studies.

Students gain foundational knowledge about conveyancing law and practice in the Australian legal system and develop skills in legal research and writing, and an understanding of key legal principles.

Career opportunities

Graduates are ideally suited for work in conveyancing and law firms which employ licensed conveyancers.

Graduates can also use the Diploma as an entry pathway to other degrees, such as the Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) or the Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies. Graduates of these courses, with the required grade point average, may apply for the Bachelor of Laws at Southern Cross University.

Diploma of Legal Studies

ATAR	45
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Gold Coast, Online
Entry pathway	Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Diploma of Legal Studies is a pathway course that will equip you with foundational knowledge and skills in the areas of legal and justice studies.

You will gain skills in legal research and writing while furthering your understanding of the Australian legal system, criminal process, family law, contract law and ethics.

This course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that students have diverse experiences and ways of learning. At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

Career opportunities

Graduates will be suitable for paraprofessional roles in the area of legal and justice studies.

Graduates can also use the Diploma as an entry pathway into the Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) and Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies.

Science



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Dr Luke Jeffrey is a researcher who holds a Bachelor of Environmental Science, Honours and Doctor of Philosophy from Southern Cross University.

Learn more
scu.edu.au/science

Bachelor of Science

ATAR	65
Specialisations	Agriculture, Environment, Marine
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Northern Rivers, National Marine Science Centre (Coffs Harbour), online*
Professional placement	Optional internship
Entry pathway	Diploma of Science, Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*Some specialisations are only available at one or more campuses. The online study mode includes compulsory on-campus residentials. See web page for details.

The Bachelor of Science aims to produce graduates who are equipped with both scientific knowledge and practical skills to address critical global issues. The three specialisations in Environment, Agriculture, and Marine offer focused expertise aligned with real-world applications, allowing students to tackle environmental challenges, sustainable agricultural practices, and marine conservation.

Hands-on field experience is embedded across all years of the degree, ensuring students graduate with the job-ready capabilities needed for a smooth transition into the workforce.

Graduates from the Bachelor of Science will have diverse employment opportunities across environmental, marine, and agricultural sectors, each offering both local and international prospects.

Career opportunities

Environment Specialisation

Graduates may pursue roles such as Environmental Scientist, Natural Resource Manager, Conservation Officer, or GIS Analyst. Demand for environmental expertise is high, with opportunities in government, consulting, and NGOs focusing on sustainability, conservation, and resource management.

Agriculture Specialisation

This specialisation opens careers as Agricultural Scientists, Agronomists, Natural Resource Managers, and positions in food production and policy. The agriculture sector's expanding needs provide strong job prospects, particularly in sustainable agriculture and food security.

Marine Specialisation

Career paths include Marine Biologist, Marine Environmental Consultant, Fisheries Officer, and Marine Policy Analyst. With a growing focus on the 'Blue Economy,' graduates will find roles in government agencies, research institutions, and conservation organisations focusing on marine sustainability and eco-tourism.

Diploma of Science

ATAR	45
Duration	1 year full-time/2 years full-time
Starts	March
Location	Northern Rivers, National Marine Science Centre (Coffs Harbour), online*
Entry pathway	Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*The online study mode includes compulsory on-campus residentials. See web page for details.

The Diploma of Science will prepare you with a grounding in scientific knowledge and skills and a taste of the many opportunities science provides. You will learn the language and nature of science and mathematics and be able to follow your interests in specific areas of science.

Successful completion of the Diploma will enable entry and up to eight units of credit towards linked specialisations in the Southern Cross Bachelor of Science.

The course is offered through SCU College, where we understand that learners have diverse experiences and ways of learning.

At SCU College, we support your success through carefully designed curriculum with embedded support, and additional support material is available through self-access online resources.

Career opportunities

The Diploma is a pathway to the Bachelor Science with up to eight units of credit. Graduates of the Diploma of Science may also find work in para-professional roles, including positions as field assistants, laboratory assistants and environmental monitoring officers.



Triple graduate, triple impact: Cooper is working for bees, people and the environment

Dr Cooper Schouten
Bachelor of Environmental Science, Bachelor of Science with Honours, PhD graduate
Director of Bee Research and Extension Lab and beekeeper

In 2014, during his undergraduate Environmental Science degree, Dr Cooper Schouten received a New Colombo Plan scholarship, funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, to work in rural Timor-Leste. He began to recognise the state of the environment as inextricably linked to community welfare, and how his love of bees could be used to help both the environment and people.

After completing his Bachelor of Science with first class honours at Southern Cross and working with honey hunting communities across Indonesia, Cooper went on to do a PhD looking at the reasons why international aid and agricultural interventions work, and also why they don't.

"A lot of the time organisations seeking to help poor people can have the best intentions, but the outcomes for rural farmers aren't always successful," he said. "I wanted to change that."

In addition to the many agricultural research and development projects he now leads, Cooper is also the Director of the Southern Cross University Bee Research and Extension Lab. Here he is leading the charge to find more efficient and sustainable ways to control invasive bee pests like Varroa mite, as well as developing new knowledge and practices for beekeepers and pollination-dependant horticultural industries.

National Marine Science Centre

The National Marine Science Centre (NMSC) is part of Southern Cross University's Faculty of Science and Engineering.

Located at Charlesworth Bay in Coffs Harbour, the NMSC sits on the edge of the beautiful Solitary Islands Marine Park. The Solitary Islands have a unique range of tropical and temperate habitats, making a perfect environment for marine research and education programs. In fact, the NMSC is one of the world's best-located facilities for studying coastal and marine habitats and their inhabitants.

Students benefit from state-of-the-art teaching facilities, climate-controlled laboratories, and aquaculture facilities including a commercial hatchery, a public aquarium and a world-class flowthrough sea water system. Teaching and research at the NMSC equip a new generation of marine scientists with the knowledge and skills to address marine sustainability issues and develop our understanding of marine and coastal life.

Take a virtual tour of the National Marine Science Centre
scu.edu.au/nmsc

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Social Work graduate Craig Blandon

Learn more
scu.edu.au/social-work-and-community-welfare

Bachelor of Community Welfare

ATAR	60
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, online*
Professional placement	400 hours
Professional recognition	Community Work Australia
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health and Human Sciences (page 51), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*Includes compulsory attendance at an on-campus residentials in one unit

The Bachelor of Community Welfare provides you with the theoretical and practical foundations for work in the human services sector. You will gain skills in case management, community development, counselling, social research, policy work, advocacy, trauma-informed practice and grief and loss counselling. Particular emphasis is placed on social justice and human rights as the basis for community welfare practice.

Core units focus on counselling, case management, mental health, human services, research, youth work, disability and community development. Elective units also provide opportunity for you to pursue other areas of interest.

Career opportunities

Graduates of this course will have opportunities to use their transferable skills in human services careers that might include government and non-government positions in fields such as child protection, disability services, housing services, youth work, aged care, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, community engagement, mental health services, and domestic violence services.

The Bachelor of Community Welfare can also provide a pathway to our Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying), which is accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

You can study a Bachelor of Counselling at the Gold Coast campus or online.

See page 36 for details.

Bachelor of Social Work

ATAR	60
Duration	4 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March, July
Location	Gold Coast, online*
Professional placement	1,000 hours
Professional recognition	Australian Association of Social Workers
Entry pathway	Diploma of Health and Human Sciences (page 51), Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

*Includes compulsory attendance at on-campus residentials in four units

The Bachelor of Social Work is an entry level, professionally accredited qualification to practise as a social worker.

Particular emphasis is placed on social justice and human rights as the basis for social work practice. Core units focus on counselling, case management, mental health, human services, research, child protection, disability and community development. An elective stream provides the opportunity to explore different disciplines while an embedded Honours program enables eligible students to undertake an independent research project and provides a pathway to postgraduate studies.

This course prepares graduates for employment as a social worker in a range of health and community services settings with the ability to work with people of all backgrounds and needs.

Career opportunities

Graduates of this course will be prepared to practise as social workers in government and non-government positions in fields such as health, child protection, disability services, housing services, youth work, aged care, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, community development, mental health services, and domestic violence services.



Danyel Wallbridge
Bachelor of Social Work graduate

"I did my first placement in St George, Queensland. I chose the rural placement option as I knew it would push me out of my comfort zone and the learning experiences would be more diverse. I've met so many different and interesting people from all walks of life and I get to see and learn first-hand the barriers that the vulnerable people in this community face in accessing human service providers. I've been given the opportunity for a hands-on learning experience where I can apply the skills and knowledge I've gained over the past two years in a practical setting to understand how it all connects.

I was offered support by the Health Placement Team from the very beginning of the planning process which made everything so much easier, especially when you're so far from home."

Veterinary Sciences



State-of-the-art veterinary labs and facilities

Established research community in ecology and zoology

Strong ties with regional industries

Vets play a critical role in our communities and economy. There is a chronic shortage of vets and veterinary technologists in Australia, particularly in rural and regional areas.

Located in one of Australia's most diverse regions, the Northern Rivers campus is an ideal place to gain skills with a range of animals - from the care of small animals in local veterinary practices and wildlife hospitals through to large animal care in farming enterprises and aquaculture.

The Northern Rivers campus is home to a multi-million-dollar, purpose-built Veterinary Sciences Precinct. Students gain hands-on learning in dedicated spaces for anatomy, surgery, simulated and community-based clinical practice, and animal handling, using training models and real animals.



Learn more
scu.edu.au/veterinary

Bachelor of Veterinary Technology

ATAR	65
Duration	3 years full-time/6 years part-time
Starts	March
Location	Northern Rivers
Professional placement	12 weeks core professional placement
Entry pathway	Preparing for Success Program (page 13), Transition to Uni (page 13)

The Bachelor of Veterinary Technology provides the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to operate as a qualified Veterinary Technologist in Australia or New Zealand.

You will graduate job-ready with a solid understanding of veterinary procedures and animal care, supported by ongoing work experience in general veterinary practice settings and comprehensive clinical skills training.

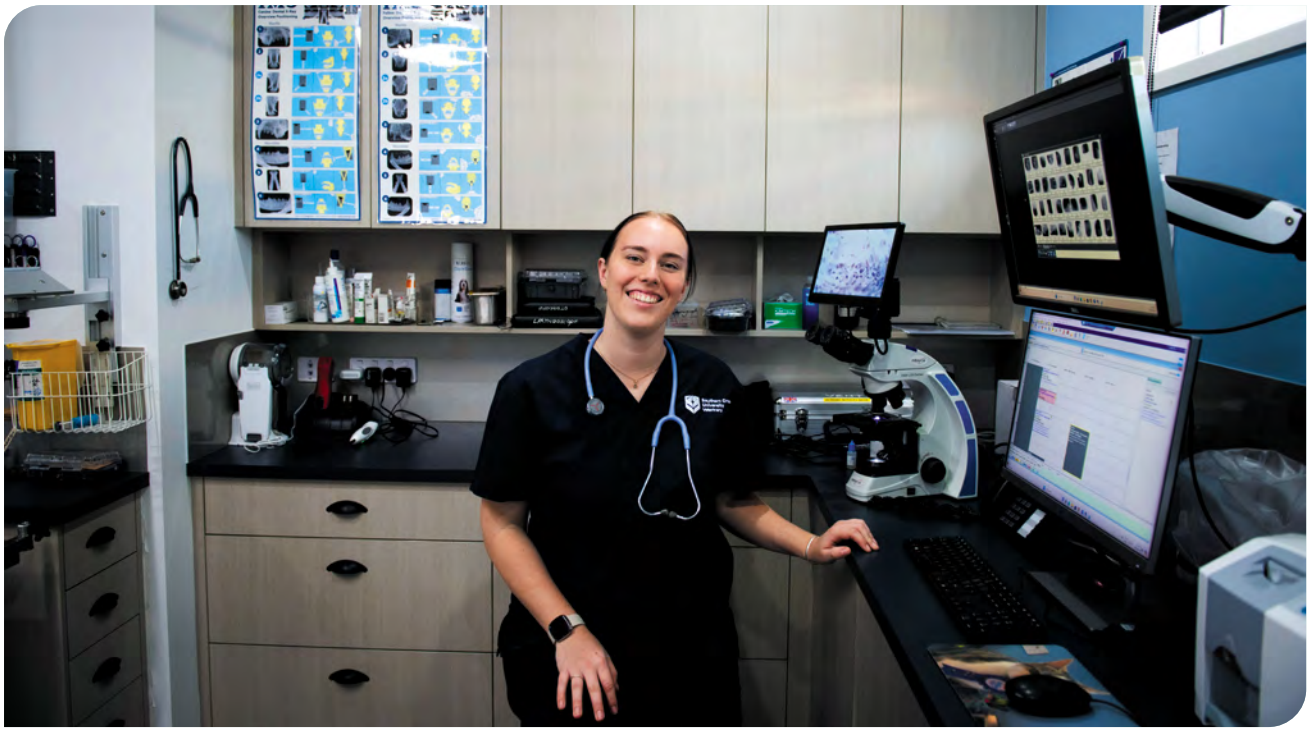
You will develop a strong theoretical understanding of veterinary health care team philosophy, focusing on areas such as anatomy and physiology, animal nutrition and reproduction, clinical pathology and microbiology, radiography, and pharmacology.

You will apply your knowledge through professional placements which will foster skills in examination and clinical diagnostics, husbandry, therapeutics, pharmacy, anaesthesia, diagnostic imagery and surgical processes, allowing you to hit the ground running.

Please note this course includes some compulsory vaccinations. Check the web page for details.

Career opportunities

Graduates may work in Australia and New Zealand in settings including general and specialty veterinary practices, zoos and wildlife sanctuaries, agricultural businesses, and government departments.



Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (Honours)

ATAR	85*
Duration	5 years full-time
Starts	March
Location	Northern Rivers
Professional placement	56 weeks of core professional placement
Professional recognition	Australian Veterinary Boards Council^

*For more detailed information on prerequisites refer to the Course Information Package on the course web page.

^ The Australasian Veterinary Boards Council has granted the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (Honours) course the accreditation classification of Provisional Accreditation.

This five-year degree is designed to build the strong theoretical knowledge, clinical skills, professional communication and industry experience necessary to graduate job-ready.

Students will develop a solid theoretical understanding of animal husbandry, microbiology, genetics and breeding, anatomy and physiology, population health, food safety, animal nutrition, pharmacology and pathology.

Clinical studies in medicine and surgery for equines, companion animals, ruminants, pigs, poultry and aquaculture, avian, native, wildlife and exotic and zoo animals will be supported by extensive work-integrated learning and clinical placements.

Please note this course includes some compulsory vaccinations. Check the web page for details.

Career opportunities

On the basis on accreditation being granted, graduates will be eligible to be registered to practise as veterinarians in Australia and New Zealand in settings including veterinary practices and clinics, veterinary hospitals, agricultural businesses, zoos and wildlife sanctuaries. Graduates will also have opportunities to work in government and non-government organisations relating to biosecurity, pharmaceuticals and public health.





Dive straight into hands-on learning

Charlotte Graham
Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (Honours) student

A passion for animal welfare sparked Veterinary Medicine student Charlotte Graham's decision to enrol at Southern Cross University.

"I started working at an emergency clinic and I fell in love," Charlotte said. "Southern Cross was my first option."

Charlotte praised the veterinary sciences facilities at the Northern Rivers campus, which is strategically located in the heart of farming and agricultural industries.

"You dive straight into learning about animals and participating in hands-on learning from day one," she said.

"It's a great way to build knowledge about animals, their behaviours and how you can help them."

As part of her studies, Charlotte has interacted with a wide variety of wildlife and academics who are experts in their field.

"It's been intense but amazing. I really enjoy it," she said.

"I love the lecturers – they have such a broad depth of knowledge. The wildlife that I have worked with have been very cool."

"My studies have been amazing, as well as the people that I have met. I highly recommend it."

How to apply

Step 1. Choose a course

Step 2. Check the course requirements on scu.edu.au

Step 3. Talk to a student advisor if you need more information on 1800 626 481

Step 4. Apply!

To apply as a non-school leaver (left school more than two years ago, with work experience or transferring from another uni), apply directly to the University.

For direct applications
scu.edu.au/howtoapply

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For NSW school leavers
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Quick reference

Course	ATAR	Location	Starts	Page
Pathway programs				
Preparing for Success Program	n/a	CH, GC, NR, O	T1, T3, T5	14
Transition to Uni	n/a	O	ST	14
Diploma of Business	45	GC, M, P, S, B, O	T1, T3, T5	21
Diploma of Clinical and Allied Health	45	CH, GC, NR	T1, T3	47
Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice)	45	O	T1, T3, T5	62
Diploma of Education	45	GC, NR, CH, O	T1, T3	27
Diploma of Engineering	45	GC, NR, O	T1, T3	31
Diploma of Health and Human Sciences	45	GC, NR, CH, O	T1, T3	47
Diploma of Global Hotel Management	n/a	B, M, P, S	T1, T3, T5	49
Diploma of Indigenous Knowledge (Land and Sea Management)	45	O	T1	53
Diploma of Information Technology	45	GC, M, P, S, B, O	T1	57
Diploma of Legal Studies	45	GC, O	T1	62
Diploma of Science	45	NR, NMSC, O	T1	64
Associate Degree of Engineering	55	O	T1, T3	31
Associate Degree of Global Hotel Management	n/a	B, M, P, S	T1, T3, T5	49
Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies)	55	O	T1, T3, T5	61
Business				
Bachelor of Business	70	GC, M, P, S, B, O	T1, T3, T5	19
Bachelor of Business (Accounting)	70	GC, M, P, S, B, O	T1, T3, T5	20
Diploma of Business	45	GC, M, P, S, B, O	T1, T3, T5	21
Education				
Bachelor of Early Childhood Education	60	GC, O	T1, T3	27
Bachelor of Education	70	CH, GC, NR, O	T1, T3	23
Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Arts	70	GC, O	T1, T3	25
Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Arts	70	GC, O	T1, T3	26
Diploma of Education	45	GC, NR, CH, O	T1, T3	27
Engineering				
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Civil or Mechanical Engineering)	70	GC, NR, O	T1, T3	29
Associate Degree of Engineering	55	O	T1, T3	31
Diploma of Engineering	45	GC, NR, O	T1, T3	31

Course	ATAR	Location	Starts	Page
Health				
Bachelor of Biomedical Science	70	GC	T1, T3	33
Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology	70	CH, GC, NR	T1, T3	33
Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies)	65	GC	T1, T3	35
Bachelor of Counselling	65	GC, O	T1, T3	36
Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science	70	CH, GC, NR	T1, T3	37
Bachelor of Health Science (Health and Lifestyle)	65	GC, NR	T1, T3	38
Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science	65	GC	ST, T1, T3	39
Bachelor of Midwifery	80	CH, GC	T1	39
Bachelor of Nursing	70	CH, GC, NR	ST, T1, T3	40
Bachelor of Nursing (for Enrolled Nurses)	n/a	CH, GC, NR	T1, T3	41
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	70	CH, GC	T1, T5 (T5 GC only)	42
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	85	CH, GC	T1	43
Bachelor of Psychological Science	70	CH, GC, O	T1, T3	44
Bachelor of Speech Pathology	70	CH, GC	T1, T5	45
Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science	65	CH, GC, NR	T1, T3	46
Diploma of Clinical and Allied Health	45	CH, GC, NR	T1, T3	47
Diploma of Health and Human Sciences	45	GC, NR, CH, O	T1, T3	47
Hotel Management				
Associate Degree of Global Hotel Management	n/a	GC, B, M, P, S	T1, T3, T5	49
Bachelor of Global Hotel and Tourism Management	n/a	GC, B, M, P, S	T1, T3, T5	49
Diploma of Global Hotel Management	n/a	B, M, P, S	T1, T3, T5	49
Indigenous Knowledge				
Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge	60	O	T1, T3	51
Diploma of Indigenous Knowledge (Land and Sea Management)	45	O	T1	53
Information Technology				
Bachelor of Information Technology	70	GC, M, P, S, B, O	T1, T3, T5	55
Diploma of Information Technology	45	GC, M, P, S, B, O	T1	57
Law				
Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies)	55	O	T1, T3, T5	61
Bachelor of Laws	80	GC, O	T1, T3, T5	59
Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies	60	O	T1, T3, T5	61
Diploma of Conveyancing (Law and Practice)	45	O	T1, T3, T5	62
Diploma of Legal Studies	45	GC, O	T1, T3	62

Course	ATAR	Location	Starts	Page
Science				
Bachelor of Science (Environment, Agriculture or Marine)	65	NR, NMSC, O	T1, T3	64
Diploma of Science	45	NR, NMSC, O	T1	64
Social Work and Community Welfare				
Bachelor of Community Welfare	60	GC, O	T1, T3	67
Bachelor of Social Work	60	GC, O	T1, T3	68
Diploma of Health and Human Sciences	45	GC, NR, CH, O	T1, T3	47
Veterinary Sciences				
Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (Honours)	85	NR	T1	71
Bachelor of Veterinary Technology	65	NR	T1	70
Double degrees				
Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Arts	70	GC, O	T1, T3	25
Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Arts	70	GC, O	T1, T3	26
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), Bachelor of Business	70	GC, O	T1	29, 19
Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Business	70	GC, M, P, S, O	T1	55, 19
Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts	80	O	T1	59
Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business	80	GC, O	T1, T3, T5	59, 19
Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Business	70	GC, O	T1	44, 19
Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Laws	80	GC, O	T1, T3, T5	44, 59

Locations: GC - Gold Coast, NR - Northern Rivers, CH - Coffs Harbour, NMSC - National Marine Science Centre, B - Brisbane, M - Melbourne, P - Perth, S - Sydney, O - Online.

Start dates: ST - Summer Term (January), T1 - Term 1 (March), T3 - Term 3 (June), T4 - Term 4 (September), T5 - Term 5 (October)

Note: Some courses may be at a pending phase in their accreditation cycle. See website for specific details.

Please note some courses have other admission requirements such as an interview or personal statement. Check website for details.

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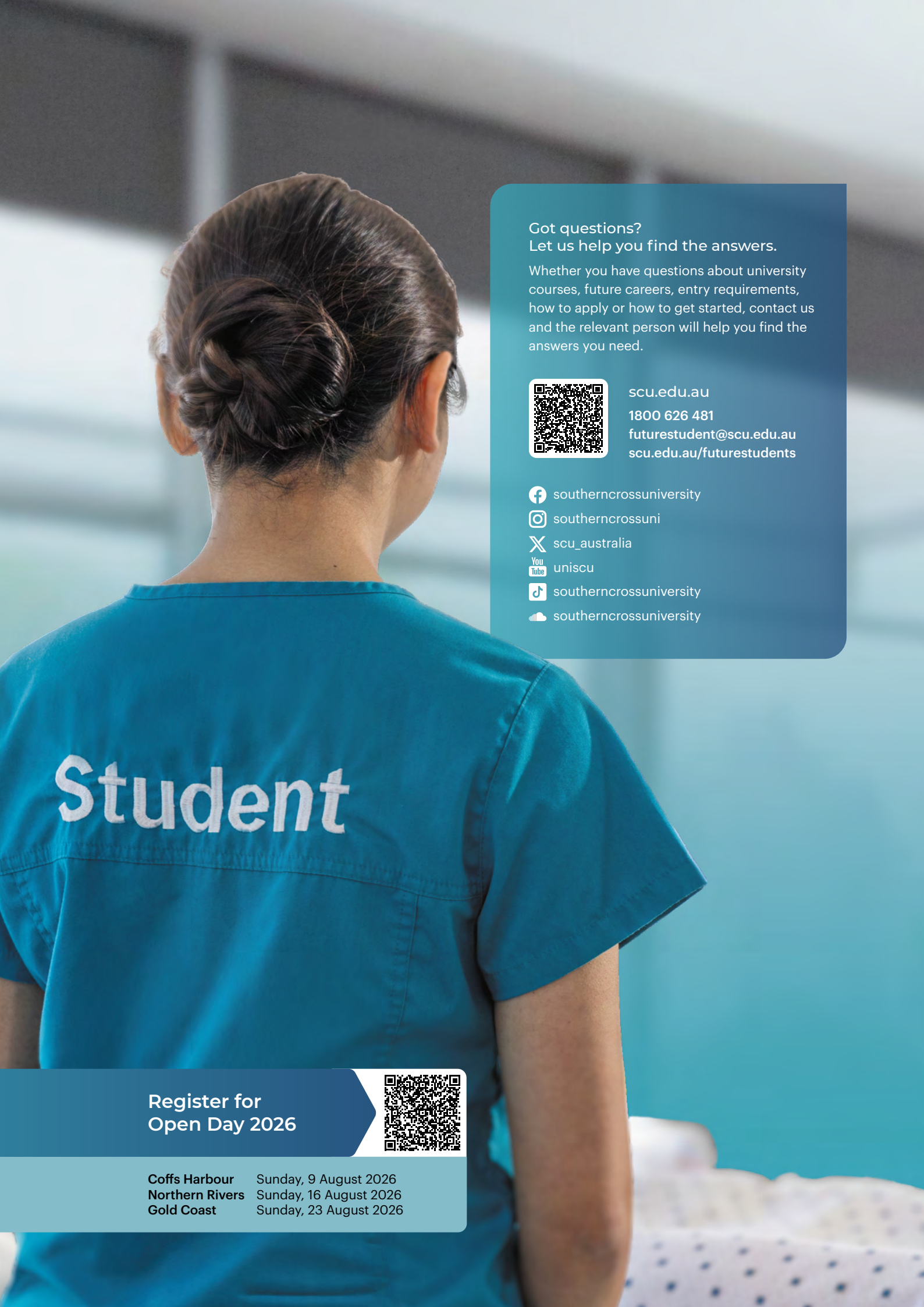
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Northern Rivers	Sunday, 16 August 2026
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