

## Welcome to JCU Orientation

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Hello. I'm Simon Biggs, and I'm the Vice Chancellor and President of James Cook University.

### Tell us more about JCU?

JCU has eight campuses across Queensland and also a campus in Singapore. We have major campuses in Townsville and Cairns in Singapore and in Brisbane. Our campuses here in northern Australia are surrounded by some of the most unique and outstanding areas of natural beauty on the planet. We're close to the Great Barrier Reef and we're also close to the amazing rainforests that we have here in northern Australia. We serve communities all across the north and these communities are rich in both the population and the environments in which our people live and work.

### What values does JCU prioritise within research, teaching & learning?

Our values here at James Cook are authenticity, integrity, respect and excellence. For us, living the values is a crucial part of who we are every day here at JCU. We seek to integrate our values into all aspects of our teaching and research. Our students and staff are all required to complete the JCU Respect module as well as modules on academic integrity.

### Why is Orientation important to student success?

Orientation is an absolutely crucial part of any student's journey towards success. We're seeking to provide you with a smooth and seamless transition from either high school or from your previous workplace into your life. As a JCU student, learning about the skills you'll need, the skills that will help you be successful is absolutely vital in ensuring that you achieve everything you want to achieve, as a student of ours here at JCU.

### Can you tell how students can connect in the JCU community?

JCU runs a wide range of clubs and societies. We also offer all sorts of other places where you can meet and engage with the other members of your student community.

### What is one piece of advice for a new JCU student?

I was once told you get out of things, what you put in. I'm absolutely confident that's true. So if you work hard, you participate in all the activities we will make available to you, you engage strongly with your community of peers as you study and as you learn, you will make those lifelong friendships that university's all about, and you will have a successful academic journey with us on your degree program. So have a great time. Throw yourself into your study and your life here at JCU and I'm confident you will leave us enriched and ready for a successful career and a successful future.