

# Postgraduate Orientation



Orientation will be delivered as a combination of on-campus and online sessions. Online delivery will be conducted via JCU's virtual classroom platform called Collaborate. You will need to register for these online sessions in order to receive a link to access the Collaborate room. Virtual rooms open 30 minutes prior to the session start time. Please ensure you have checked your **Collaborate** settings prior to O Week.

For course specific orientation - please check your student email for communication from your College office.

**Note:** Sessions marked with an asterisk\* are part of the Undergraduate Orientation Program, however Postgraduate students are welcome to attend at your discretion. Use this handy **planner** to determine which sessions are recommended for you.

TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
<b>Monday 19 July</b>		
9.00am - 12.00pm	Cairns: <b>Building A3.3</b> Townsville: <b>Building 134.010</b>	<b>International Students' Orientation</b> This is a mandatory session for all international students studying at JCU, and will contain information you need to know about your visa, enrolment, studies, staying safe and your new life in Australia. For students unable to attend, an online session will also be offered. Email <a href="mailto:internationalsupport@jcu.edu.au">internationalsupport@jcu.edu.au</a> if you require assistance.
<b>Wednesday 21 July</b>		
8.00am - 9.00am	Cairns: <b>Building A3.3</b> Townsville: <b>Building 134.002</b>	<b>Free Breakfast</b>
8.15am - 8.45am	Cairns: Meet at <b>Building A3.3</b> Townsville: Meet at <b>Building 134.002</b>	<b>Campus Tour</b> Join a group and learn how to navigate your campus and locate the JCU Support Services.
9.00am - 10.30am	Cairns: <b>Building A3.3</b> Townsville: <b>Building 134.010</b>	<b>JCU 101 (Part One)*</b> <b>Student Essentials</b> - Covers the essentials you need before lectures start. You will be introduced to online student portals, important dates, study plans, timetables, ID cards, financial obligations, and where to go for help. <b>Balancing Life and Uni</b> - Learn about the support services to help you get started and succeed in your studies. Find out how to successfully manage your transition and build strategies to overcome obstacles. <b>Career Advice for First Year Students</b> - Kickstart your career from your first day at university and find out how we can help.
10.45am - 12.00pm	Cairns: <b>Building A3.3</b> Townsville: <b>Building 134.010</b>	<b>JCU 101 (Part Two)*</b> <b>IT Essentials</b> - Be introduced to the IT Services available at JCU. Learn how to access JCU online services from anywhere at anytime, along with information about JCU computers, printing, free software, the wireless network, and where to go for IT help. <b>Up and Running with LearnJCU – your online learning environment.</b> Find out how to access your subjects in LearnJCU, navigate your lecture recordings, learning materials and assessments, and connect with your classmates via Collaborate.

## O WEEK cont.

TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
<b>Thursday 22 February</b>		
8.00am - 9.00am	Cairns: <b>Building A3.3</b> Townsville: <b>Building 134.002</b>	<b>Free Breakfast</b>
8.15am - 8.45am	Cairns: Meet at <b>Building A3.3</b> Townsville: Meet at <b>Building 134.002</b>	<b>Campus Tour</b> Join a group and learn how to navigate your campus and locate the JCU Support Services.
9.00am - 10.15am	Cairns: <b>Building A3.3</b> Townsville: <b>Building 134.010</b>	<b>Keys to Academic Success (Part One)*</b> This practical session will get you ready for your first few weeks of class. In this session, you will learn how to create a study plan, draw on three simple steps for assessment success, and build your own learning community.
10.30am - 11.45pm	Cairns: <b>Building A3.3</b> Townsville: <b>Building 134.010</b>	<b>Keys to Academic Success (Part Two)*</b> Your assignment is only as good as your research. Come and work with Library staff to build some serious research muscle. You will also undertake a Referencing Bootcamp where you will learn the basics of referencing and how to avoid plagiarism.
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Cairns: <b>Building A22</b> Townsville: <b>Building 18.002C</b>	<b>Mature Age Student Panel</b> Join us to meet and talk with some of JCU's mature age students and discuss strategies for successful return to study, particularly ways to balance your study, family and work.
5.00pm - 6.00pm	Online via Collaborate	<b>Mature Age Student Panel (repeat)</b> Please see above for details. Register at: <a href="https://bit.ly/registrations212">bit.ly/registrations212</a> .
6.00pm - 8.00pm	Online via Collaborate	<b>Keys to Academic Success (Parts One and Two repeat)*</b> Please see above for details. Register at: <a href="https://bit.ly/registrations212">bit.ly/registrations212</a> .

## Friday 23 July

12.00pm - 1.30pm	Cairns: <b>Building B1.106</b> Townsville: <b>Building 18.002A/B</b>	<b>Making a Start: an academic orientation for postgraduate coursework students</b> This workshop covers expectations for academic writing and writing genres; critical thinking; writing tips; how to approach writing tasks; deciphering subject outlines, task sheets and assessment rubrics/criteria, and tips on data analysis and useful statistics resources. Register at: <a href="https://bit.ly/registrations212">bit.ly/registrations212</a> .
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## Short Courses, Workshops and Online Modules

JCU offers a range of free short courses, workshops and online modules as part of Orientation. These workshops form part of the Undergraduate Orientation Program, however Postgraduate students are welcome to attend at your discretion.

Click on the workshop headings for more information, including how to register.

### Maths Refresher Workshops

This course is designed to build confidence and competence in students returning to maths or in need of a refresher.

### Academic Writing

This course addresses the skills needed to research and write various academic texts such as essays, reports and annotated bibliographies.

### Study Well in Australia - For students with English as an additional language.

These modules provide skills and strategies to help you develop your academic English vocabulary and critical reading skills.

### APA7 Referencing

Learn how to use the APA7 Referencing Guide effectively with some real referencing questions. Bring your own examples for referencing feedback.

### Database Searching with Scopus

Everything you need to know about searching with Scopus, the largest, multidisciplinary database of peer-reviewed literature.

### Basic Statistics

Revise basic statistics concepts that will support future learning throughout your degree.

### Getting the Most from Your Readings

Learn how to read more efficiently and develop strategies to interact creatively and critically with the information you have read.

### Exploring the Digital Library

Learn how to make the most of the digital resources the library has to offer, including navigating ebook platforms and their useful features.

### AMA Referencing

Join us for an introduction to the basics of AMA referencing followed by a question and answer session with your examples.

### Introduction to EndNote

Learn the basics of creating a personal library of references collected during your research and how to apply them to your assignment writing.