

UniX Year 8

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Bring your Year 8 students to JCU Cairns or JCU Townsville for a day of excitement, fun and discovery. The **UniX Year 8** experience provides students with an opportunity to sample what it's like to study different subjects broadly covering science, engineering, medicine, nursing, education, social sciences, business, law and the creative arts. We aim to provide students with various career tasters to help identify and shape their future ambitions, assist them with their subject choices in senior schooling years, and to promote positive post-school pathways to tertiary education.

Local Program

Please select the relevant day and campus you wish to attend when [registering your school](#).

- 23 - 27 November | JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas
- 23 - 27 November | JCU Cairns, Nguma-bada campus, Smithfield

Residential Program | 22, 23 & 24 November 2026

Please select the relevant campus and number of students when [registering your school](#).

- JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas

Local Program

Thank you for registering your school's attendance at this year's **UniX Year 8** event. You'll need to arrange transport for your students to/from the JCU campus. A travel subsidy may be available to your school to assist with transport costs. Please talk to your school's Relationship Manager or email outreach@jcu.edu.au to discuss your transport needs.

The drop off point for this event is:

JCU Cairns – [Crowther Theatres](#), Building A3, access road via Mc Gregor Road.

JCU Townsville – [The Science Place](#), Building 142, access via James Cook Drive.

Lunch will be provided for students and teachers attending this event. There is no cost associated with this program.

Indicative Event Program

Time	Activity
08:45 am	Arrival and introductions
09:30 am	Welcome Ceremony
09:50 am	Breakout session one
10:35 am	Morning Tea
11:00 am	Breakout session two
11:50 am	Breakout session three
12:40 pm	Lunch
01:20 pm	Breakout session four
02:00 pm	Depart

Sessions will include interactive, hands-on, and engaging learning experiences, delivered to both large and small student groups, rotating through various sessions throughout the day.

Dress Code

Students are to wear their school uniform and enclosed shoes must be worn. As there are some outdoor activities we also encourage students to be sun safe by wearing hats and sun cream and bring a water bottle.

Student Registration

Students are not required to self register pre-event, unless schools are participating in the residential program. Schools will be required to provide attendance numbers and any dietary requirements for student and staff participants.

Residential Program

This program provides students from regional and remote areas the opportunity to participate in our full university experience program on the **following day after arrival**. Students will experience staying in university residential accommodation whilst also increasing their self-confidence and self-efficacy, building awareness about university life.

Please note - residential accommodation placements are limited. We urge schools to register residential placements before the closing date - **Friday 30 October 2026**.

(Indicative)	Times	Monday 23 November
	4:30 pm	Schools tournament/campus tour
	6:30 pm	Dinner
	7:30 pm	Movie night
	8:30 pm	Students return to their accommodation
		Tuesday 24 November
	8:00 am	Breakfast
	9:00 am	Arrival at UniX Year 8 and follow local program

Accommodation

To assist with the cost of regional and remote students participating in this event, JCU will support the residential accommodation costs for both students and teachers. This includes:

- Single room including bed linen, pillows etc.
- Shared bathroom facilities
- Meals (dinner and breakfast)

Student Registration - Residential Program

Please share the Student Accommodation Rego Form with your students so that they can complete the registration form in advance of attending the event. Student registrations for the Residential Program must be completed by **Friday 6 November 2026**.

Residential Program Travel

Schools are required to coordinate their own transport to and from the event. JCU understands the cost burden of transporting students and a travel subsidy may be available to your school to assist with transport costs. Please talk to your school's Relationship Manager or email outreach@jcu.edu.au to discuss your transport needs.

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Contact Us

Your School Relationship Manager is available to answer any questions you may have, or you can contact the Outreach team by email outreach@jcu.edu.au.