

Your School and Us

2026 | OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR STUDENTS



NO. 1

in QLD for full-time employment¹

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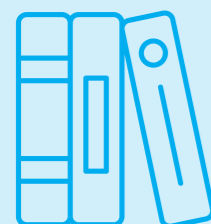
for student teacher ratio¹

NO. 1

in QLD for regional, rural and remote health professionals²

Highlights

Partner Schools



Public **106** schools
 Independent **45** schools
 Catholic **36** schools

30% HEPPP identified
426 perpetual JCU shields in **71** schools

Engagements



1,020 School engagements held in 2025

- Informative presentations
- Interactive workshops
- Immersive activities
- Insightful services

Supporting students, teachers, and parents and carers



431 students attended a JCU Heroes program in 2025 which included 13 programs across 6 locations for Health, Business, Sport, Science, Vet and Engineering



37 JCU Now uni subjects offered in 2025 for high achieving Year 11 and Year 12 students including social sciences, health, business, law, education and engineering

Events



On Campus

UniX Year 8 **1,253** Year 8 students from **36** schools
 Open Day for Schools **1,847** students from **52** schools

Student Ambassadors



127 student ambassadors used to deliver a wide range of school engagements



91% of students said that, after the JCU events they had a better understanding of future study options.

JCU Webinar Series



7 webinars held in 2025

2,163 registrations
1,369 attendees at events
61.9% average turnout rate

#1 most popular

Careers in Health
for students, parents and teachers

Early Offers



679 early offers, most popular course is Nursing Science

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JCU offers a range of presentations, workshops, hands-on activities, and services to support students, teachers, and parents and carers through the process of understanding future career options.

In this publication you'll find opportunities for your school to get involved with JCU, including activities for:

- Years 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9
- Years 10, 11 and 12
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- Teachers and Schools

We know schools have limited time available in the academic calendar for activities involving external organisations, which is why JCU's activities have been developed to align with school objectives of building aspirations, developing critical thought, and growing skills in cognition, teamwork, project management and resilience.

Activities are delivered by JCU staff, current students and academics; on-campus or in-school.

* Some activities may be limited by location, availability of academic staff or access to facilities and labs. Speak to us to find out more.

We're here to help

As you explore this guide you may see something of interest for your school or community. Activities can be arranged with your school's Relationship Manager. We welcome and encourage feedback on this guide and the range of school activities.

If you are unsure whether your school has a Relationship Manager you can contact the JCU Future Students team for school engagement enquiries, questions, feedback and suggestions.

P: 1800 943 499 E: futurestudents@jcu.edu.au More information: jcu.edu.au/schools

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Vice Chancellor's Welcome

Your school and us – ready today for tomorrow.

As an educator, the challenge of coming up with ways to encourage student engagement is one we share, understanding that it is through engagement that students and schools perform at their best. At JCU we have listened carefully to what educators have been sharing with us and have come up with a range of products and services to help you easily find opportunities for students, teachers, and schools to engage in activities aligned with the QCAA General Syllabus.

In the past year we have seen exceptional engagement numbers, which show how we can partner to ensure our students are ready today for tomorrow, reassured that gaining a world class education while maintaining a regional lifestyle is possible:

- Over 1,800 Year 10, 11 and 12 students from 52 different schools attended Open Day on campus at JCU.
- 1,253 Year 8 students from 36 different schools attended UniX oncampus at JCU (UniX for Year 8 is held each year in November).
- More than 400 students attended a JCU Heroes program across Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Mackay, Mt Isa and Rockhampton to get behind the scenes access into what their dream career may look like in the fields of Health, Business, Sport, Veterinary Science and Science.
- 1,020 school activities provided JCU with opportunities to engage students on their school campus. Activities were as diverse as Sky High Dreaming (to encourage aspiration and participation in higher education) and MBTI (Myer Briggs Type Indicator) activity (which explores emotional intelligence and strategies to build resilience).
- 127 JCU Student Ambassadors engaged directly with school students. Student Ambassadors are current JCU students able to share their university journey, including subject choices while at school, how to develop their ATAR potential if pursuing a general stream, career opportunities, early offers and bonus adjustments, QTAC and the application process, and what it is like studying at JCU.



This guide explains the on- and off-campus activities available by school year with an easy-to-use key that ensures important information is available at your fingertips. I trust you will find it a valuable tool when working with students to develop a greater understanding of options available beyond school. We are always working to provide new and interesting projects in partnership with schools and your feedback is valued.

Simon B

Professor Simon Biggs
Vice Chancellor and President

Our commitment to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

James Cook University is committed to building strong and mutually beneficial partnerships that work towards closing the employment, health and education gap for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our students come from many backgrounds, promoting a rich cultural and experiential diversity on campus.

We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the Australian lands and waters where our staff and students live, learn and work. We honour the unique cultural and spiritual relationship to the land, waters and seas of First Australian peoples and their continuing and rich contribution to James Cook University (JCU) and Australian society. We also pay respect to ancestors and Elders past, present and future. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are advised that this publication may contain names or images of people who have passed away.



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JCU to you

The JCU Future Students team offer a variety of school presentations and activities, delivered by our experienced team of staff, student ambassadors and academics, to give your students a deeper understanding about university life and studying at JCU. While students' educational journeys are varied over their schooling life, having the opportunity to explore options outside the realm of school can help students make informed decisions about future career pathways.

Year 10 'Discover your Future' Presentation

📅 All terms
🎓 Year 10
⌚ 40 minutes

👥 N/A
📍 Anywhere

This Year 10 presentation is designed to complement a student's Senior Education and Training (SET) plan by looking at personal attributes and subject choices. We also introduce students to university study and factors to be taken into consideration when looking at tertiary study as an option. This presentation can be co-delivered with Outreach's Career Quiz and SET Planning activity.

Year 11 'Intro to Uni' Presentation

📅 All terms
🎓 Year 11
⌚ 40 minutes

👥 N/A
📍 Anywhere

This Year 11 workshop introduces key university concepts to students, including why university, terminology, support services and pathways to help prepare for life after high school.

JCU NOW Presentation

📅 All terms
🎓 Years 10, 11 and 12
⌚ 40 minutes

👥 N/A
📍 Anywhere

JCU NOW offers high achieving Year 11 and 12 students an opportunity to prepare for life beyond school by studying first year university subjects alongside their high school subjects. This presentation is perfect for senior students wanting to learn more about this program.

jcu.edu.au/jcunow

JCU Application Based Program Presentation

📅 All terms
🎓 Years 11 and 12
⌚ 40 minutes

👥 N/A
📍 Anywhere

JCU Application Based Program Presentation provides information to help students confidently navigate the process of JCU application-based programs including the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery; Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Bachelor of Veterinary Science. It also provides insight into additional course options suitable for preference selection.



Find Out Where JCU Can Take You

📅 All terms
🎓 Year 12
⌚ 40 minutes

👥 N/A
📍 Anywhere

During this presentation, students explore a comprehensive overview of study options at JCU, including student experience, the QTAC application process, Year 12 Student Success Package and pathways.

School Leaver Advice Appointments

📅 All terms
🎓 Year 12
⌚ 30 minutes

👥 2 students
📍 In school or at JCU

School Leaver Advice Appointments educate Year 12 students about higher education opportunities and their requirements in a tailored one-on-one appointment. Topics include: scholarships, QTAC applications, special entry requirements for Medicine, Vet Science and Dentistry, as well as ATARs and alternative pathways.

Career Expos and Subject Selection Nights

📅 All terms
🎓 N/A
⌚ N/A

👥 N/A
📍 Anywhere

JCU Future Student Advisors and Student Ambassadors are available to staff an information stall at your school's career events. They can assist students from Years 10–12 and their parents to answer any questions about subject selection, entry requirements and studying at JCU.



Visit JCU

The JCU Future Students team invite high schools and their students to visit a JCU campus and experience university life. Visit our schools engagement webpage to keep updated with event dates throughout the year.

Open Day for Schools

Term 3	Years 10 and 11	Full day
N/A	JCU Cairns, JCU Townsville	

High schools are invited to bring their Year 10 and 11 students along to an exclusive Open Day event. Previously known as UniX Senior, Open Day for Schools is tailored to help students with senior subject selection and post-school decision making through exploration of study and career opportunities.

Held on the days before the public Open Days in Cairns and Townsville, students will benefit from a quieter environment with more one-on-one time to discover their future opportunities.

Students can explore their local JCU campus to get a taste of uni life, discover courses, pathways and scholarships, and chat with current students and staff.

For students or schools unable to attend this exclusive event, we encourage you to register to attend JCU's Community Open Day in both Townsville and Cairns.

For more information: jcu.edu.au/openday

Science and Engineering Challenge

Term 2	Year 10	1 day
32 students	Cairns, Mackay, Rockhampton and Townsville	

The Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide STEM outreach program. Students expand their knowledge by experiencing aspects of science and engineering not typically offered in a school environment. Year 10 students from across the region compete for a place at the State Super Challenge by constructing bridges, wiring cities, building a bionic hand, constructing earthquake proof towers and designing a catapult. Students are supported to explore scientific principles for themselves as the program encourages students to consider a future career in science or engineering.

Campus Tours

All terms	Years 11 and 12	45-60 minutes
N/A	JCU Cairns, JCU Townsville	

JCU Campus Tours invite students to immerse themselves in the university environment by taking a guided tour with a current student. On the tour, students prepare themselves for higher education by exploring JCU's facilities, courses, support services and what life is really like as a uni student (optional accommodation tour available).

For more information: experience.jcu.edu.au/jcu-campus-tours

Student opportunities

The JCU Future Students team offers a variety of opportunities for high school students to learn more about JCU and their future career. Specialised study area programs are held throughout the year to gain practical skills and real career experience outside of the classroom, along with regular webinars in the comfort of your home.

JCU HEROES programs

Term 2 and 3	Years 11 and 12	1-2 days
20-50 students	Cairns, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville, Mt Isa and Brisbane	

The JCU Heroes programs creates a realistic experience of 'a day in the life of' for students in Year 11 and 12. Students from all over North Queensland are offered the opportunity to attend these study specific programs throughout the school year to gain practical skills and real career experiences.

For more information: jcu.edu.au/jcu-heroes-programs

Webinar Series

All terms	Years 10, 11 and 12	N/A
N/A	Online	

Gain knowledge, develop new skills and find inspiration with the JCU Webinar Series. Topics covered include the QTAC process, admissions advice, subject selection and building resilience in teens aimed at parents, students and teachers.

For more information: jcu.edu.au/webinars





Outreach programs in school

JCU's Outreach team offer dedicated programs for primary and secondary students designed to build student confidence, clarity and capacity for study. Underpinned by the Australian Blueprint for Career Development, JCU Outreach Framework and supported by Commonwealth Government funding, our activities aim to inspire students to reach their full potential and increase tertiary education attainment within North and Far North Queensland regions.

Who am I

All terms Years 5 and 6 40–60 minutes

30 students In school or at JCU

Explore aspirations and self-concepts, attitudes, behaviours and relationships that influence student's learner identities.

Spaghetti Tower

All terms Year 7 30 minutes

30 students In school or at JCU

This workshop develops positive self-concepts, behaviours and attitudes that contribute to effective ways of working collaboratively.

Race to the Board

All terms Year 7 45 minutes

30 students In school or at JCU

This session explores and widens a student's understanding of university versus school environments, introduces tertiary vocabulary and increases familiarity to challenge stereotypical thinking.

Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations and Results (SOAR)

All terms Year 8 40–60 minutes

30 students In school or at JCU

This activity is designed to motivate students to build and maintain positive self-concepts, identify their strengths, opportunities and aspirations and understanding how individual characteristics such as interests, skills, values, beliefs and attitudes contribute to achieving personal, social, educational and professional goals.

Helpers and Supporters

All terms Year 6 30 minutes

30 students In school or at JCU

This workshop develops students' awareness of what contributes to positive and effective relations, builds connections and an understanding of relationships between work, society and economy.

Study Skills

All terms Years 7, 9 and 10 60–90 minutes

30 students In school or at JCU

These workshops are tailored design for each year level to explore a variety of strategies to build confidence, capability and knowledge. Year 7 students will explore learning methods, note taking styles and a systems approach study that informs and develops strategies students can apply to their own context.

Year 9 students will examine the process of reading and writing, strategies and how these skills are implemented in a tertiary context.

Year 10 students hear from a trained library educator about 'fake news' and deliberate misinformation spread via traditional news media and online social media, developing the tools and skills to distinguish the relevance, accuracy and purpose of information in the 21st century.

Salary Auction

All terms Year 7 40–60 minutes

30 students In school or at JCU

This session explores and understands the relationship between work, society and the economy.

Coaching Young People for Success

All terms Year 9 2 x 60 minute sessions

30 students In school or at JCU

Session one is designed to motivate students to build and maintain positive self-concepts, identify their personal attributes and how characteristics such as interests, skills, values, beliefs and attitudes are interrelated and how to utilise these qualities to inform our life motivators.

Session two explores learning as a continual process throughout your career journey, navigating the world of work, building career knowledge and the interrelationships between life and work roles.

Sky High Dreaming

All terms Year 6 45 minutes

30 students In school or at JCU

This workshop promotes students' career insights and awareness, exploring decision making and develop an understanding that careers exist.

UniScramble

All terms Year 8 30–40 minutes

30 students In school or at JCU

This activity builds a student's understanding of a variety of learning and work environments and applies career building knowledge to locate, understand and navigate career information effectively.

Famous Faces

All terms Year 8 30–40 minutes

30 students In school or at JCU

Develop student's knowledge and understanding of career stereotypes and to question their appropriateness.



Outreach programs on campus

The JCU Outreach team encourage and invite all schools and students onto JCU campus to demystify University environments and to foster inclusive experiences that promote equity access and a sense of belonging.

MBTI Emotional Intelligence

All terms Year 9 60 minutes

30 students In school or at JCU

This activity explores emotional intelligence and strategies to build resilience. MBTI (Myer-Briggs Type Indicator) is a pseudoscientific self-report questionnaire where students acquire knowledge and skills to build positive self-concepts, apply abilities for building positive and effective relationships with others and develop strategies for responding to circumstances that may impact wellbeing, mental or physical health.

You and Your Career

All terms Year 11 120 minutes

30 students In school or at JCU

This activity promotes student's self-awareness, making career decisions and successful work and life choices. This session helps to identify unique personal attributes, values, and skills, and put students on the path to discover a rewarding and meaningful career in an industry where they will thrive.

Money, Money, Money

All terms Year 11 40–60 minutes

30 students In school or at JCU

This activity explores the relationship between work, society and the economy. Students gain an understanding of various costs associated with University and further education and to explore funding opportunities.

Career Quiz + SET Planning

All terms Year 10 40–60 minutes

30 students In school or at JCU

This activity links skills, attributes, knowledge and aspirations to career areas and explores the world of work. Students gain knowledge of various pathways post school, an understanding of how people build their careers and the skills to locate and navigate career information effectively. This activity can be co-delivered with the Year 10 Discover Your Future presentation.

On Campus Experience Days

All terms Years 5–12 60 minutes

20–80 students JCU Cairns, JCU Townsville

Schools are invited to bring students for a half day tour of the University campus to promote near peer role models through our Student Ambassador program and demystify tertiary attainment.

UniX Year 8

23–27 November 2026 Year 8 Full day

N/A JCU Cairns, JCU Townsville

University Experience (UniX) brings together students from across North Queensland to provide a first-hand experience of university life and provide students with a day of immersive experiences and study tasters.

JCU Navigate YOU Summit

6–10 July 2026 Year 10 5 days

100 students JCU Townsville

This five-day residential immersive experience is designed to build students capacity, clarity and confidence of tertiary environments. Students participate in a variety of academic, personal and professional development activities delivered by JCU Outreach Staff, Academics and Student Ambassadors.



Outreach student support activities

At JCU we believe building an education ecosystem that normalizes learning while they are at school is important. Whether your student requires career clarity, academic support or study confidence we are here to help.

Academic Encouragement Awards

📅 All terms
🎓 Year 10
⌚ 60–90 minutes

👥 30 students
📍 In school or at JCU

This award is available for two Year 10 students who exemplify a commitment to building the economic and social fabric of their community especially in Regional Australia and demonstrate resilience and perseverance in their studies or extracurricular accomplishments.

For more information:
future.jcu.edu.au/academicencouragementawards

Career Counselling – JCU Career Advisor

📅 All terms
🎓 Years 10–12
⌚ N/A

👥 1 to 1
📍 JCU Cairns, JCU Townsville

Career advisor appointments are available for students who would like career industry insights, skills and career clarity, including qualification requirements. Contact a JCU Career Development Advisor to book an appointment: **1800 246 446** (option 5)

QTAC Pre-Paid Vouchers

📅 All terms
🎓 Year 12
⌚ N/A

👥 N/A
📍 N/A

Students can submit an application to receive a pre-paid QTAC voucher that enables them to make an application to any course through QTAC.

For more information:
study.jcu.edu.au/qtac-voucher-application

Studiosity – Academic and Study Mentor

📅 All terms
🎓 Years 7–12
⌚ N/A

👥 N/A
📍 Online

Studiosity provides personal study help — anytime, anywhere. It's a proven platform that enhances student success and engagement across schools and universities worldwide. Through academic feedback, study support, and peer-to-peer connection, Studiosity ensures students receive timely assistance when they need it most, with access available 24/7.

This free program enables students to gain three key services:

1. Student Connect - An online mentoring platform connecting high school students with current JCU students. Participants can receive guidance on course content and assessments, and gain valuable insights into university life through real student experiences.
2. Connect Live - A real-time chat service (text or voice) where students can connect with qualified subject specialists for immediate help across subjects such as mathematics, chemistry, physics, business studies, and more.
3. Writing Feedback - Students can upload written work — including essays, assignments, or reports — at any time. Within 1 hour, they'll receive constructive feedback highlighting strengths and areas for improvement in their writing.

Studiosity information and workshop: Book a one hour in school session for the James Cook University, Outreach team to deliver a workshop that introduces students from Year 7 to Year 12 to the benefits and possibilities of Studiosity and how to navigate and utilise the service.

To book an in school workshop:
jcu.edu.au/future-students/schools/jcu-to-you/studiosity-information-and-workshop

Indigenous Student Support

The Indigenous Education and Research Centre (IERC) offers Indigenous students to be the architects of their own futures through engaging education programs. Our student programs support Indigenous high school students to explore their interests, build confidence and consider future study pathways, while gaining an authentic insight into university life in a supportive environment.

JCU IERC Winter School

📅 Term 2 school holidays
🎓 Years 10–12
⌚ 1 week

👥 N/A
📍 At JCU, Residential

Our Winter School is a free, five-day residential program for Indigenous students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Applications for this program open in early March, and places are limited. The program is hosted during the mid-year Queensland school holidays, the program gives students the opportunity to live on campus while participating in lectures, workshops and team-building activities. Students can experience a range of degrees that explore diverse career options. All travel, accommodation and meals are provided, so students can focus on learning, connecting and having fun!

jcu.edu.au/ierc/experience-uni/winter-school



JCU IERC Winter School

JCU IERC Summer School

📅 Term 4 school holidays
🎓 Year 12, starting at JCU
⌚ 1 week

👥 N/A
📍 At JCU, Residential

The Summer School offers Indigenous Year 12 graduates an opportunity to confidently start university life. Over five days, participants build their literacy, maths and chemistry skills, learn practical study techniques, and get to know university life in a supportive environment. Students experience living on campus and take part in a dynamic program designed to transition to higher education. All travel bookings, on-campus accommodation and catering are covered during this program.

jcu.edu.au/ierc/experience-uni/summer-school



JCU IERC Summer School

Immersive experiences

JCU offers a range of study area immersive experiences at our campus locations and research facilities throughout the year. These activities are tailored to complement students' high school subjects and provide practical experiences outside of the classroom.

Sports Performance

📅 All terms 🎓 Years 10–12 ⏱ 2 hours

👥 30 students 📍 JCU Townsville

During the Sports Performance program students tour the JCU Sports and Exercise Science facilities and participate in physical activities including: jumping ability tests, sprinting, GPS tracking of sporting movements, jumping agility tests, motor learning, dynamic flexibility, balance, handgrip strength and height, weight and blood pressure monitoring. Students review their productivity and explore how data is used to increase athletic performance and manage rehabilitation after an injury.

RACI Titration Competition

📅 Wednesday
6 May 2026 🎓 Years 10–12 ⏱ Half day

👥 N/A 📍 JCU Cairns, JCU Townsville

The RACI Titration Competition aims to inspire high school students with a passion for chemistry, particularly its hands-on aspects, while enhancing their scientific skills and understanding. Participants have the opportunity to conduct experimental work in JCU's laboratories, gaining valuable practical experience through friendly competition.

JCU Legal Studies Conference

📅 Term 3 🎓 Years 11 and 12 ⏱ 1 day

👥 N/A 📍 JCU Cairns, JCU Townsville

The JCU Legal Studies Conference is a one-day program for teachers and students in Years 11 and 12 who are either studying Legal Studies or have a keen interest in the law. This year's theme will focus on 'Youth and the Law' and will cover a range of topics that are highly relevant to the QCAA Legal Studies Syllabus. Topics are delivered through expert speakers and interactive sessions.

Young Language Ambassador Conference

📅 Term 3 🎓 Years 5–12 ⏱ 1 day

👥 N/A 📍 JCU Cairns, JCU Townsville

The Young Language Ambassadors Conference promotes the importance of language education, international-mindedness and youth leadership.

It brings together a selected number of outstanding language students across the North and Far North Queensland region.

Aquaculture Immersion Day

📅 Thursday 13
August 2026 🎓 Year 10 ⏱ 9 am–4 pm

👥 100 students 📍 JCU Townsville

Dive into the future of sustainable food production at JCU's Aquaculture Immersion Day, a dynamic, hands-on experience designed for students eager to explore one of the world's fastest-growing industries. Throughout the day, participants will rotate through practical aquaculture activities guided by JCU experts and leading industry partners, gaining real insight into the science, technology, and innovation transforming global aquatic production.

Discover how physiology, nutrition, genetics, and health management shape resilient and sustainable aquatic systems. Get up close with cutting-edge tools used in digital monitoring and circular aquaculture design, and see first-hand how these approaches support everything from food fish and ornamental species to emerging marine bioproducts and blue-carbon solutions.

Alongside the practical sessions, students will engage with academics, researchers, and industry professionals to explore diverse career pathways, from hatchery operations and aquatic animal health to environmental management. Whether you're curious about aquaculture's role in global food security or inspired by innovative blue-economy solutions, this event offers an exciting gateway into the opportunities shaping tomorrow's aquatic industries.

Note: Enclosed shoes are required.

Daintree Rainforest Observatory Field Trips

📅 Term 2 🎓 Years 10–12 ⏱ 1–2 days

👥 20 students 📍 JCU Daintree Rainforest Observatory

The JCU Daintree Rainforest Observatory (DRO) operates Monday – Friday. We welcome high school classes from Years 10 – 12 and educational tour groups. We offer a special discounted accommodation rate to local high schools.

You are welcome to run your own activities at the station or you can participate in DRO led activities. Local High Schools also have the option of taking part in Classroom in the Rainforest, an initiative between the Daintree Rainforest Observatory, Education Queensland, and James Cook University.

For more information:
jcu.edu.au/daintree/education



Daintree Rainforest Observatory

Classroom on the Reef

📅 All terms 🎓 Years 10–12 ⏱ 3–5 days

👥 20 students 📍 JCU Orpheus Island Research Station

Classroom on the Reef provides science students with engaging and innovative collection methods, state of the art research equipment and modern scientific techniques. They will experience a world class research facility in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, curriculum content designed for secondary school students, and live streaming underwater cameras, sensor data feeds and videos of the underwater environment.

For more information:
jcu.edu.au/orpheus-island

Orpheus Island Research Station Field Trips

📅 All terms 🎓 Years 10–12 ⏱ 3 days–2 weeks

👥 57 total people 📍 JCU Orpheus Island Research Station

Orpheus Island Research Station (OIRS) is a research and education facility. Hosting not just research and tertiary education but high school programs as well. Schools who have teachers wanting to run their projects at OIRS can do so by sending an enquiry to orpheus@jcu.edu.au. Schools are supplied with use of facilities and one OIRS staff member to assist with in water activities. Additional support and activities can be at a cost. Station staff are able to help plan your program to the teacher and student requirements based on the curriculum plan provided by the visiting school.

For more information:
jcu.edu.au/orpheus-island



Year 12 Student Success Package

Biomedical Science Immersion

Term 2 Years 10–12 4 hours

60 students JCU Cairns, JCU Townsville

The Biomedical Science Immersion Workshop provides an interactive experience available for Years 10, 11 and 12 students who are considering studying biomedical science. Students will have the opportunity to participate in hands on activities in a PC2 laboratory relating to the six majors the Bachelor of Biomedical Science has to offer at JCU, including bioinformatics, health, medical laboratory science, microbiology and immunology, molecular and cell biology, and physiology and pharmacology.

Medicine Clinical Skills Lab Tours

Terms 1–3 Years 11 and 12 60 minutes

30 students JCU Cairns, JCU Townsville

The Medicine Clinical Skills Lab Tours introduce students to a medical environment and showcase the clinical skills facilities. Students gain hands-on experience of real-world clinical scenarios.

Book Week

Term 3 Years 9–12 4 hours

N/A JCU Townsville

Join us for an exciting day filled with fun hands-on activities designed to ignite your love for books. Be inspired and experience first-hand where a love of writing and reading can take you.

Nursing and Midwifery Simulation Lab Tours

All terms Years 11 and 12 60 minutes

30 students JCU Cairns, JCU Townsville

The Nursing and Midwifery Simulation Lab Tours introduces students to Nursing and Midwifery via a tour of JCU's nursing facilities. Students gain hands-on experience of real-world scenarios in the simulation lab where they practise CPR, hand hygiene, monitoring a pregnant mannequin, as well as blood pressure and sugar level testing.



Nursing and Midwifery Simulation Lab

Early Offers

With JCU Early Offers students enjoy the reassurance of knowing they have secured a place at JCU prior to ATAR results being released. With the support of their school, students work on a recommendation based on their academic performance, motivation, talents, passion and capabilities to demonstrate their likelihood of success at university.

Because we know each community is unique, we encourage schools to adopt a process which fits with their academic and career programs.

Offers are conditional on completion of the Queensland Certificate of Education (or equivalent). Other conditions may also apply.

Getting an offer early supports students to finish Year 12 with confidence. It's one less thing they have to worry about.

For more information:

jcu.edu.au/entry-options/entry-schemes/early-offer-program

Guaranteed Admission

Students who receive an ATAR of 90 are guaranteed entry into most JCU courses, with all subject prerequisites waived. Most JCU courses are eligible, which covers study areas like Arts, Business, Law, Engineering, Science, Information Technology, Pharmacy, and Sport and Exercise Science.

Applicants awarded an ATAR of 73 or above will be guaranteed entry into the same JCU courses but will need to meet the course subject prerequisites.

For more information:

jcu.edu.au/entry-options/entry-schemes/guaranteed-admissions-plan

Adjustment Factors

Regional Preference Scheme: An automatic adjustment of an applicant's ATAR by two ranks. Available for students who reside in regional and remote Queensland (postcodes 4306 through to 4895).

Subject Adjustment Scheme: An automatic adjustment for students who have successfully completed high school subjects that require a high level of skill and knowledge. Adjustments are cumulative up to a maximum of ten (10) ranks and some exceptions apply.

Special consideration: JCU participates in QTAC's Educational Access Scheme (EAS) which recognises applicants who have been educationally disadvantaged due to: financial hardship, home environment and responsibilities, English language difficulty, personal illness and disability or educational disruption.

For more information:

jcu.edu.au/entry-options/adjustment-factors



Pathways to JCU

JCU Prep

Prepare to embrace university study with JCU Prep. This Pathways program provides a flexible vehicle for students to develop the knowledge and skills required for their chosen undergraduate course. Available to school leavers who are, or will soon turn 18 years old, as well as mature students, they'll receive dedicated support in the areas they have identified. JCU Prep is the ideal stepping stone for those wanting to take on university study with confidence.

If students have not previously completed high school or are returning to study after a lengthy gap, they can start their JCU Prep journey with Introduction to Academic Learning. They'll learn the fundamentals of time management, note-taking, research, essay structure and referencing conventions. Developing the knowledge and skills to present academic arguments in multiple formats and begin to collaborate with their peers for long-term career success.

JCU Prep can also empower students to meet subject specific prerequisites. Preparatory subject offerings in Science, Chemistry and multiple streams of Mathematics will prepare them to meet the knowledge requirements of their target degree. Depending on the number of subjects they include in their study plan, it may take as little as three months for students to build the necessary knowledge and skills for university study.

As an enabling course, JCU Prep is subject fee-free, meaning students will only be required to pay a Student Services and Amenities Fee. No matter which area they're aiming to study within, they benefit from a supportive learning environment and personalised feedback designed to embrace their strengths and empower them to meet personal goals and achieve university success.

For more information:
jcu.edu.au/courses/jcu-prep

Course Entry Diplomas

Equip your students for future career success and begin to build the core knowledge and skills specific to their chosen industry.

In just one year of full-time study, students will have a strong knowledge base and practical skills to transition into a Bachelor of Engineering. Students also have the option to study part-time over two years.

For more information:
jcu.edu.au/diploma-of-engineering



Scholarships

JCU Vice Chancellor's Scholarship

Open to: High-achieving school leavers, and recent gap year students with an ATAR of 97+

Value: \$40,000 for up to 4 years (\$10,000 per year)

Includes: Development and enrichment opportunities including an exclusive mentoring program and Continuing Professional Development.

For more information:
jcu.edu.au/scholarships/search/jcu-vice-chancellors-scholarship

JCU Deans' Scholarship

Open to: High-achieving school leavers, and recent gap year students with an ATAR of 95 to 96

Value: \$20,000 for up to 4 years (\$5,000 per year)

Includes: Development and enrichment opportunities including an exclusive mentoring program and Continuing Professional Development.

For more information:
jcu.edu.au/scholarships/search/jcu-deans-scholarship

JCU Elite Athlete Scholarship

Open to: Elite athletes from northern Queensland with an ATAR 85+.

Value: up to \$30,000

Includes: Financial support to enable students to complete a university qualification without compromising their sporting opportunities or leaving the region.

For more information:
jcu.edu.au/elite-athletes



For Teachers

Guidance Professional Summit (GPS), formerly TeacherX

Term 1 Staff 1–3 days

N/A JCU Cairns

GPS is an immersive program for educators focused on extending Continuing Professional Development. Educators explore JCU facilities, experiencing the same opportunities as students in an engaging on-campus environment.

Preservice Teachers

Help develop the next generation of professional educators by supervising a JCU pre-service teacher. Professional experience is a key component of teacher education. Supervising teachers play a critical role in the development of the teacher workforce. It also offers a valuable and rewarding opportunity for your own professional development towards potential Lead Teacher status.

Contact your school's Site Coordinator for more information.

JCU Webinar Series

Gain knowledge, develop new skills and find inspiration with the JCU Webinar Series. Topics covered include the QTAC process, admissions advice, subject selection and building resilience in teens aimed at parents, students and teachers.

Find out more about upcoming sessions and view previous webinars at: jcu.edu.au/webinars

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Expand your skills, network with peers and gain points toward your Continuing Professional Development (CPD) goals with JCU. A range of CPD opportunities are available at JCU throughout the year to assist with your professional learning. Contact us to find out more about the CPD opportunities available.

Free library resources

Educators are invited to explore a range of electronic resources via the public access computers in the JCU Townsville and JCU Cairns libraries. Suitable for a variety of disciplines, JCU's free library resources include Google Book Search and Trove. With 24hr/day access, it is convenient for even the busiest teacher.

For more information: libguides.jcu.edu.au/schools

Information for schools

JCU Rising Star Scholarship

Designed in partnership with the schools community, the JCU Rising Star Scholarship recognises Year 12 students who have demonstrated consistently high levels of academic achievement, personal attributes that uphold and champion their school's ethos and a commitment to regional Australia.

Like you, JCU is committed to supporting students in our region and communities and acknowledging their commitment and dedication to study. Now more than ever, it is important to think of the future. This scholarship can give encouragement, peace of mind, or financial security that a student needs to make a difference.

The scholarship includes \$10,000 paid directly to the recipient in instalments over three years, a scholarship certificate, a JCU representative to present the scholarship certificate to the recipient at the school presentation evening, plus potential for paid casual employment at JCU in the student's first year of study.

Each partner school can award one JCU Rising Star Scholarship per year. JCU Rising Star Scholarships are limited, speak to us about including your school in this exclusive program.

On-campus meetings

Looking for a unique and affordable venue for your meetings or planning days? From small groups to whole-school staff meetings, we have a space on-campus to meet your needs. Catering and campus or facility tours can be added for a unique experience.

School Awards Program

The JCU School Awards Program is available to schools who would like to recognise their outstanding students in Years 7 – 12. Each award includes a prestigious and perpetual shield, awarded annually to a student from each year level they feel:

- Exhibits the greatest academic achievement or progress in their studies
- Exemplifies a commitment to building the economic and social fabric of their community especially in Regional Australia, and/or
- Demonstrates resilience and perseverance in their studies or extracurricular accomplishments.

The winning students, chosen by the school, are awarded the JCU Shield for their year level plus a certificate and a cash prize.

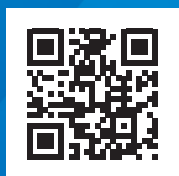
Each partner school can award one shield per year level. Speak to us about including your school in this exclusive program.

Free library resources

Discover open access resources for a wide range of disciplines anywhere, anytime, online including Google Book Search and Trove with JCU's electronic resources. Available to schools, teachers and senior school students on the public access computers in the JCU Townsville and JCU Cairns libraries.

More information: libguides.jcu.edu.au/schools

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