



PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

UNIVERSITY TERMINOLOGY CHEAT SHEET

- **Adjustment factors** - Adjustment factors are a numerical value added or used in combination with a selection rank. Common adjustment factors may include subject adjustments, equity adjustments and location adjustments. The maximum number of adjustments you can achieve across all UQ admission schemes is capped at five.
- **Bursary** - A type of scholarship which contributes towards study fees and/or living costs whilst studying at university.
- **Census date** - The date set by the universities when all enrolment fees must be paid and all HELP arrangements (e.g. HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP) are finalised.
- **CSP** - Commonwealth supported place - A higher education place for which the Commonwealth makes a contribution direct to the University towards the cost of the student's education.
- **Deferment** - Deferment is an approved delay to starting university and usually lasts for one year.
- **Eligibility** - Prerequisite subjects that students need to have studied and passed at Year 12 level or equivalent.
- **GPA** - Grade Point average - used to determine their entry rank after one full-time year of Bachelors-level study.
- **HELP** - Higher Education Loan Program - A loan program to help eligible students pay student contributions (HECS-HELP), tuition fees (FEE-HELP) and overseas study expenses (OS-HELP).
- **Interruption of studies** - A break in studies in a program that a student has already commenced. Formal permission to interrupt may be required from the executive dean. Students who want to take time off from their studies should contact their faculty office, as most programs have time limits within which a program must be completed.
- **Prerequisites** - are specific subjects or courses that students need to have studied and passed at year 12 matriculation level or tertiary equivalent. Prerequisites vary between programs, and are intended to ensure that students can handle the program content. Prerequisites can be met through a variety of qualifications, such as secondary studies, bridging programs, tertiary study or alternative qualifications.
- **QTAC** - The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) is the central admissions body for all Queensland undergraduate programs. Australian year 12 students and International students taking year 12 in Australia apply through QTAC for entry into undergraduate programs.
- **Selection Rank** - A selection rank is a score assigned to an applicant's qualifications and ranges from 1 (lowest) - 99 (highest). The use of selection ranks allows applicants with different qualifications to be assessed and compared against each other on the same scale for entry. A selection rank is also known as an entry rank.
- **SSAF** - A fee where the proceeds go to non-academic student services.
- **Swot vac** - is short for swot vacation: a period of time spent studying hard, especially for an examination. This is the week before end of semester examinations when students have a week off from classes to study. Swot vac occurs the week before the allocated exam period every semester.
- **Tertiary study pathway** - Students who need to improve their entry score can study a related program at UQ as a pathway. Depending on their academic performance, their new entry rank could be significantly higher than the previous rank. If they're missing a prerequisite, they can also include it in their pathway program to avoid the need for separate bridging studies.
- **UCAT** - The University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT ANZ) is an admissions test used by the UCAT ANZ Consortium of universities in Australia and New Zealand for their medical, dental and clinical science degree programmes. The test helps universities to select applicants with the most appropriate abilities and professional behaviours required for new doctors and dentists to be successful in their clinical careers. It is used in collaboration with other admissions processes such as interviews and academic qualifications. The UCAT ANZ is a computer-based test delivered in Pearson VUE test centres throughout Australia, New Zealand and at some overseas locations.



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SCHOOL Vs UNIVERSITY

LIFE AT HIGH SCHOOL		LIFE AT UNIVERSITY	HOW UQ HELPS
<p>Structured week of 9am-3pm classes.</p> <p>Students must leave the school grounds after designated school hours (inclusive of extra-curricular activities).</p> <p>Teacher-led study and homework.</p> <p>Class sizes are generally small.</p> <p>Extensive verbal and written feedback from teacher prior to assignments and examinations.</p> <p>Education provided in class is essential for success.</p> <p>Parent teacher interviews provided to give you oversight of child's academic performance and social behaviour.</p> <p>School reports are sent to the parents or guardians.</p> <p>Teachers can decide if extra time is allowed for assignments.</p>	 STUDY	<p>Formal lectures and informal tutorials, usually with only a few contact hours per subject per week. Classes are scheduled from early morning into the evening.</p> <p>Classes are generally much bigger. There might be a hundred people in a lecture theatre or far fewer. Tutorials are smaller groups where you can have face to face discussions with specialist tutors and your fellow students.</p> <p>Spaces on-campus to study whenever necessary. Numerous locations offering 24x7 facilities.</p> <p>Less individual feedback prior to assignments and examinations than at school.</p> <p>Students work to due date with most knowledge gained from researching outside of class.</p> <p>Result notifications are confidential and not mailed. Student's results are published via the University online student administration system.</p> <p>Students should not be dependent on parental help during their studies instead, being responsible for their own workload and assessment outcomes.</p> <p>Extensions will only be considered in respect of illness or other certified medical condition, or exceptional circumstances.</p>	<p>Orientation week – Social and academic activities designed to introduce you to life and study at university.</p> <p>UQ checklist app to help get your UQ journey off to a strong start.</p> <p>Getting started sessions designed to assist you with the smooth transition to campus life.</p> <p>UQ has many programs that support the change to autonomous study habits, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student centres • New2UQ • Peer-assisted study sessions (PASS) • Library assistance and study workshops • Lecturers' consultation hours.
<p>Structured social situations.</p> <p>Classes and activities allow students to make friends easily with classmates.</p>	 MAKING FRIENDS	<p>Uni is less structured than school so you may have to make more of an effort to meet people. But remember, everyone is in the same boat.</p> <p>Smaller class structures like tutorials and group work assignments allow students to get to know each other.</p> <p>Joining clubs and societies, playing sports or taking on extra-curricular activities are all great ways to meet new people at uni.</p>	<p>UQ offers many social environments for students to make friends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sporting teams • social clubs • mutual interest societies • living in a college • Mates@UQ • New2UQ • events like Market Day and Oktoberfest • faculty and school balls and barbecues.
<p>School costs are anticipated and paid within a particular time period.</p> <p>Living at home (or boarding).</p> <p>May have some or no financial demands.</p> <p>Some students do have casual or part-time jobs.</p>	 COSTS	<p>Course fees will vary across the different programs.</p> <p>There are more personal financial demands, including university-related expenses like text books.</p> <p>Living either at or away from home, each student's financial situation is different.</p> <p>Course fees can be paid up-front or via HECS-HELP.</p> <p>Many students work part-time/casual hours to earn extra money.</p>	<p>Investigate scholarships and grants that can assist with living away from home or make studying easier. Visit scholarships.uq.edu.au</p> <p>The UQ Careers team and the UQ Union Student Help On Campus (SHOC) team can help students find a part-time job while they study, then a career as a graduate.</p> <p>Visit feecalculator.app.uq.edu.au to estimate your teenager's UQ tuition fees.</p>