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Going to University Guide

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Why should I go to university?

Going to university can change your life. It can set you up to earn a higher income – on average university graduates earn significantly more than those without a university qualification* – and it's also a whole lot of fun. University enables you to learn the skills for a rewarding career, while meeting people and being exposed to ideas that can take your life in all sorts of inspiring and fantastic directions.



Earn a higher salary



Get the career you want



Have fun and meet new people



Be independent



Develop skills for life



* [Australian Bureau of Statistics 2022](#)

About Southern Cross University

Southern Cross University is a multi-campus university on Australia's east coast. Our main campuses are located at the Gold Coast in Queensland and in the Northern Rivers and at Coffs Harbour in NSW.

The regions we call home all have unique characteristics as study locations – from cosmopolitan cities, thriving industries and coastal lifestyles to living laboratories of great natural beauty and ecological diversity, right next to the campus.



Multi-campus university



75,000+ graduates



18,000+ students

Our campuses

Coffs Harbour, Lismore - Northern Rivers, Gold Coast



Lifestyle locations



On-campus
Health Clinic



Innovation labs



Fitness centres



State-of-the-art
facilities



On-campus
accommodation





Driving positive change

Owen Lednor

Bachelor of Nursing graduate Director of Care,
The Shoreline Luxury Retirement Living

Completing professional placements provided Owen with invaluable experience in a range of health settings during his degree.

“The placements were just one aspect of the degree that gave me industry experience. We also had access to professors teaching the course who were industry specialists in their own right. Accessing that really contemporary thinking about care, and care that has people at the centre of everything we do was critical,” he said.

Consider your options

University is a big commitment – take the time to explore your options. There are loads of resources out there to help you. Think about what you enjoy doing, what subjects you have always been naturally interested in and what kinds of jobs you think you would enjoy and be good at.



Talk to your school's career adviser, brainstorm with friends



Do online research about the jobs that interest you



Do work experience in a place where you'd like to work



Go to career expos



Register with our future students team



Check joboutlook.gov.au – see where the jobs of the future will be.

So... What's uni really like?

You'll discover that Southern Cross University isn't just about study. It's a lifestyle. Whether you study on campus or online, you will be in control of your study and will be treated like an adult. There are no bells and no uniforms, and some classes don't keep record of attendance.

You will be responsible for your own learning, deadlines and juggling the demands of multiple units (subjects). You'll also need to be able to work independently and with other students.

Time commitments

The time commitment required at university varies depending on your course of study. Typically, as a full-time student doing 2 units per term, you can expect to do up to 45 hours of study each week, including a mix of face-to-face and self-access learning.

Take the stress out of Year 12 with an Early Offer

Would you like to be offered a place at Southern Cross University before your ATAR results come out?

The Early Offer program enables Year 12 students to gain early admission to the University on the basis of their academic performance at school and their Principal's recommendation.

Interested?

For details and application info visit:

scu.edu.au/early-offer



Find your perfect career match

Take the quiz to find out what kinds of careers and study options could suit you.

mycareerfinder.com.au/scu/

Which degree is right for me?

Things that inspire me...	I'd love to work as a...	Consider these degrees	High school subjects to consider
Helping people and fostering relationships	Policy adviser Social worker Mental health or community worker Alcohol and drug rehabilitation counsellor Child protection, disability and domestic violence worker or advocate	Bachelor of Community Welfare Bachelor of Psychological Science Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Social Work	English, Aboriginal Studies, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), Society and Culture, Legal Studies, Community and Family Studies
Human rights and social justice	Barrister Lawyer in family, criminal or corporate law, conveyancing, environmental, entertainment or sporting law Legal aid representative Criminologist	Bachelor of Laws Or consider a double degree: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business and Enterprise Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Laws	Legal Studies, English, Maths, Business Studies, Society and Culture, Community and Family Studies, Modern History
Standing up for people's rights or ideas	Paralegal Legal and/or policy adviser Property conveyancer (NSW) Court administration officer Law enforcement support	Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies) Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge	Legal Studies, English, Maths, Business Studies, Society and Culture, Community and Family Studies, Modern History
Understanding how the world works	Mechanical engineer Civil engineer Robotics developer Alternative energy engineer Environmental engineer Hydrology expert Site supervisor or project manager	Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours) specialising in: Civil Engineering or Mechanical Engineering. Associate Degree in Engineering Diploma of Engineering	Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Earth and Environmental Science, Engineering Studies, Biology



Things that inspire me...	I'd love to work as a...	Consider these degrees	High school subjects to consider
Discovery and scientific enquiry	Biologist Ecologist Health scientist or laboratory and field assistant Environmental officer Sustainability consultant Scientist Resources adviser	Bachelor of Science specialising in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth and Environmental Systems • Marine Systems • Earth and Environmental Systems and Marine Systems (double specialisation) • Forestry Systems Regenerative Agriculture Or with a major in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Chemistry • Applied Mathematics and Physics • Biology Diploma of Health Diploma of Science Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture	Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Maths
Events and stories that change our world	Journalist Cultural adviser Writer Publisher Multimedia designer Film and television producer Marketing manager Human rights or social justice advocate	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Art and Design Bachelor of Digital Media Associate Degree of Creative Writing Or consider a double degree: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws	English, Modern History, Media Studies, Community and Cultural Studies



Things that inspire me...	I'd love to work as a...	Consider these degrees	High school subjects to consider
Creativity, design, music and performance	Writer Graphic designer Content creator Video maker Multimedia producer Film producer Arts manager	Bachelor of Art and Design Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Digital Media	English, Media Studies, Design and Technology, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts
	Musician Recording and mastering engineer Recording studio manager Music event promoter Composer	Bachelor of Contemporary Music	Music, English
	Professional artist Designer Arts administrator Arts educator Curator or arts writer	Bachelor of Art and Design Bachelor of Arts	Visual Art, English, Media Studies, Design and Technology, Software Design and Development
Communicating with words and expressing ideas	Novelist or poet Script writer Food, nature, art or travel writer Feature journalist Critic or reviewer Editor, publisher, or copywriter	Associate Degree of Creative Writing Bachelor of Arts with a major in Creative Writing	English, Modern History, Media Studies, Society and Culture
Innovative and interactive technologies	Web or app developer Software engineer Systems administrator Cyber security expert User experience designer Technical support	Bachelor of Information Technology Or consider the Bachelor of Education specialising in Technology for teaching IT in schools Or a double degree: Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Business and Enterprise	English, Maths, Information Processes and Technology, Software Design and Development
Teaching and working with children	Primary school teacher Early childhood educator After school care coordinator Outdoor educator	Bachelor of Education specialising in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary • Early Childhood/Primary • Primary/Secondary Bachelor of Early Childhood Education	English, Maths, Science



I love my job in early childhood education

Kelly Simpson

Bachelor of Education with Honours graduate
Childcare Director, Laidley Kindergarten

Kelly is an early childhood teacher and director of a kindergarten centre in the rural Queensland town of Laidley. With students aged between three and five-years-old, Kelly says the formative years of their education are some of the most important. "They're curious about how the big wide world works. And coming to kindergarten gives them a chance to connect to a world that's bigger than their home and family," she said.

"Southern Cross provided the programs that were accredited and specifically in the areas that I wanted to learn about.

"I built great relationships with the academics and got to know them well. Everyone was really approachable and easy to contact if you had questions or needed support," she said.

Things that inspire me...	I'd love to work as a...	Consider these degrees	High school subjects to consider
Helping young people reach their potential	Secondary school teacher Technology and Applied Studies (TAS) teacher in secondary school	Bachelor of Education with specialisation in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary • Primary/Secondary • Technology 	English, Maths, Science
Strategy, planning and evaluating risks	Accountant Marketing executive or consultant Public relations manager Human resource manager Product manager Financial planner Banker Digital marketing specialist Business analyst	Bachelor of Business and Enterprise Or consider these double degrees: Bachelor of Business and Enterprise, Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business and Enterprise Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Business and Enterprise	Business Studies, English, Economics, Information Processes and Technology, Legal Studies, Economics, Maths
A cleaner and greener future	Environmental consultant or scientist Marine scientist Forest scientist Aquaculturalist Fisheries manager Sustainability consultant	Bachelor of Science specialising in: Earth and Environmental Systems Marine Systems Earth and Environmental Systems and Marine Systems (double specialisation) Forestry Systems Regenerative Agriculture Or with a major in: Environmental Solutions	Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Maths, Earth and Environmental Science, Physics, Engineering Studies, Agriculture, Industrial Technology



Things that inspire me...	I'd love to work as a...	Consider these degrees	High school subjects to consider
Seeing the world and working with people	Hotel or resort manager Ecotourism operator Tour guide Event organiser Destination planner Travel agent Tourism operator or marketer Food and beverage manager	Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management Diploma of Hotel Management	English, Business Studies, Legal Studies, Community and Family Studies, Economics, Maths
Working with people from diverse cultural backgrounds	Community liaison Policy officer Community worker Paralegal International aid worker	Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies Bachelor of Community Welfare Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Social Work	English, Aboriginal Studies, Geography, Legal Studies, Business Studies, Studies of Religion, Society and Culture
Caring for people and helping them achieve better health	Nurse (in settings from GP clinics to hospitals and specialist health services)	Bachelor of Nursing	Maths, Chemistry, Biology or Physics, English extension (for Midwifery)
	Midwife	Bachelor of Midwifery	
	Speech Pathologist	Bachelor of Speech Pathology	English extension, Biology, Chemistry, Maths, PDHPE
	Osteopath (a health practitioner who treats the musculoskeletal system)	Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies) + postgraduate study	Biology, Chemistry, Maths
	Occupational therapist Rehabilitation specialist	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	English, Biology
	Psychologist Workplace adviser Criminal specialist Behaviour analyst Policy analyst	Bachelor of Psychological Science plus a Bachelor of Psychological Science with Honours + postgraduate study Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Laws	English, Maths, Biology
	Sports psychologist Rehabilitation counsellor	Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science + postgraduate study	English, Biology, Chemistry or Physics, Maths, PDHPE

Things that inspire me...	I'd love to work as a...	Consider these degrees	High school subjects to consider
Keeping fit and healthy	Exercise scientist Strength and conditioning trainer Sport development expert Health and fitness consultant Personal trainer Gym instructor or manager Sports event coordinator Sports marketing manager	Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology	English, Biology, Chemistry or Physics, Maths, PDHPE
	Sports nutritionist Exercise physiologist Osteopath Pathologist, biomedical or health researcher	Bachelor of Biomedical Science + postgraduate study Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies) + postgraduate study Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology	English, Biology, Chemistry or Physics, Maths, PDHPE (Sport and Exercise Science)



For parents and caregivers

Outstanding student support

We are here to make sure everyone has the best chance to succeed and be happy at university. Every student is offered a range of services that could include extra support to improve academic skills, counselling support, mentoring programs, or career and job advice.

Tuition and fees

Tuition fees vary and will depend on whether a student is full-time or part-time and what they are studying. Most undergraduate degrees are subsidised by the Government. These are called Commonwealth-Supported places. The student pays a part of the tuition and the Government pays the rest. Students can defer the payment of their part of the fees through the HECS-HELP scheme. This is a loan that students repay through the tax system only when their income reaches the repayment threshold. In 2022, this threshold was an annual income of \$48,361.



Academic skills



Student Services



Counselling



Health Clinic



Career advice

Learn more:

scu.edu.au/fees



Other costs

Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF)

The SSAF is charged for each term in which you are enrolled and is used to provide important services and amenities to students both on and off campus. Eligible students have the option of deferring this fee through the SA-HELP loan scheme. SSAF fees depend on a student's status as part-time or full-time, on-campus or online. The maximum total amount of SSAF in 2023 was \$326.

Learn more:

scu.edu.au/fees/ssaf



Other expenses

Apart from the obvious costs of accommodation, food and transport, other costs to consider include textbooks, computer equipment and software, stationery, field trips, uniforms or other course-specific expenses such as art materials, musical equipment or travel for work placements.



Our future students advisers are here to talk you through any questions you might have

Call the hotline
1800 626 481



Working for the future of our waterways

Zoe White

Bachelor of Marine Science and Management graduate
Waste Education and Compliance Officer, Byron Shire Council

For Marine Science graduate Zoe White, working as a scuba diving instructor in Byron Bay was a catalyst to learn more about caring for marine environments. "I love the ocean and I was starting to see a lot of the impacts our marine environment is facing. I wanted to learn a lot more about that, understand it and get into a position where I could hopefully change and reduce those impacts."

The skills and knowledge she acquired through the degree were perfect foundations for her work in the Byron Shire Council as a Waste Education and Compliance Officer.

Her role involves overseeing waste and litter minimisation programs, bringing change to the management of her local land and waterways. An important aspect is community education.

"One of the most important skills I learned while I was studying at Southern Cross University was the ability to communicate effectively. It's nice to be working in a field where you can see things shifting, and Southern Cross helped me to achieve this goal," she said.

Scholarships

What are scholarships?

Scholarships can make a real difference to the cost of studying.

There are all kinds of scholarships available for:

- High academic achievement
- Indigenous Australian students
- Students who have experienced disadvantage
- Leadership and community involvement
- Studying overseas for a brief period of time.

Why should you apply?

Scholarships range from \$600 to help you buy some textbooks all the way through to \$60,000 over four years which could help you pay your accommodation costs.

Applying is easy. You can apply online by following the links on our scholarships page. With just one application, you will be considered for a wide range of scholarships.

Learn more:

scu.edu.au/fees/ssaf



Accommodation

On campus – UniLodge

On-campus residential colleges at Lismore and Coffs Harbour offer fully furnished shared apartments. Facilities at each college include internet access and on-site laundries, indoor and outdoor entertainment areas. Weekly room rental starts from \$183 (in 2022).

Off campus – UniStays

A year-round online service called UniStays is available to help students find private rental and other off-campus accommodation at the Gold Coast, Lismore and Coffs Harbour.

Learn more:

scu.edu.au/accommodation/







UniLife

Going to university is not only about getting a first-class education and setting yourself up for that dream career. It's also about having fun, making lasting friendships and enjoying the social side of university life.

Our UniLife program aims to encourage both your academic success and support your wellbeing. Students can get involved in social sports clubs and societies, and University-wide events such as the snow tour, learn-to-surf camps, beach and water safety programs, and other national competitions.

See the full list of programs and activities offered at:

scu.edu.au/unilife



Courses quick reference

Course	Location	Duration
Arts and Humanities		
Bachelor of Arts	GC, L, O	3FT/6PT
Business		
Bachelor of Business and Enterprise	GC, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Business and Enterprise, Bachelor of Arts	O	4FT/8PT
Diploma of Business	GC, O	1FT/2PT
Education		
Bachelor of Education (Primary/Early Childhood)	GC, L, CH, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Education (Primary)	GC, L, CH, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Education (Primary/Secondary)	GC, L, CH, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Education (Secondary)	GC, L, CH, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Education (Technology)	GC, L, CH, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Early Childhood Education	GC, O	3FT/6PT
Engineering		
Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours) (Civil Engineering)	GC, L, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Engineering Systems (Honours) (Mechanical Engineering)	GC, L, O	4FT/8PT
Associate Degree of Engineering	GC, L, O	2FT/4PT
Diploma of Engineering	L, O	2PT
Health		
Bachelor of Biomedical Science	GC	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology	GC, L, CH	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies)	GC, L	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science	GC, L, CH	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Health Science (Health and Lifestyle)	GC, L	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Midwifery	GC, CH	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Nursing	GC, L, CH	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Nursing (for Enrolled Nurses)	GC, L, CH	2FT/4PT
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	GC, CH	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Psychological Science	GC, CH, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Speech Pathology	GC, CH	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science	GC, L, CH	3FT/6PT
Diploma of Health	GC, L, CH, O	1FT/2PT
Indigenous Knowledge		
Bachelor of Indigenous Knowledge	L, O	3FT/6PT

Courses quick reference

Course	Location	Duration
Information Technology		
Bachelor of Information Technology	GC, C, O	3FT/6PT
Diploma of Information Technology	GC, O	1FT/2PT
Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Business and Enterprise	GC,O	4FT/8PT
Law		
Associate Degree in Law (Paralegal Studies)	GC, O	2FT/4PT
Bachelor of Laws	GC, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies	GC, O	3FT/6PT
Double degrees in Law		
Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws	GC, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Business and Enterprise	GC, O	4FT/8PT
Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Laws	GC, CH, O	5FT/10PT
Music and Creative Arts		
Bachelor of Art and Design	L	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Contemporary Music	L, C	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Digital Media	L, C, O	3FT/6PT
Associate Degree of Creative Writing	O	2FT/4PT
Science and Environment		
Bachelor of Science	L, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Science (Earth and Environmental Systems)	L, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Science (Forestry Systems)	L, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Science (Marine Systems)	NMSC, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Science (Earth and Environmental Systems and Marine Systems)	NMSC, L, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Science (Regenerative Agriculture)	L, O	3FT/6PT
Diploma of Science	L, O	1FT/2PT
Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture	L,O	1FT/2PT
Social Work and Community Welfare		
Bachelor of Community Welfare	GC, O	3FT/6PT
Bachelor of Social Work	GC, O	4FT/8PT

Course	Location	Duration
Tourism		
Diploma of Hotel Management	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane	1FT/2PT
Associate Degree of International Hotel and Tourism Management	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Hayman Island Resort	2FT/4PT
Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane	3FT/6PT

GC - Gold Coast, C - Coomera, L - Lismore, CH - Coffs Harbour, O - Online, NMSC - National Marine Science Centre; FT - Full Time, PT - Part Time

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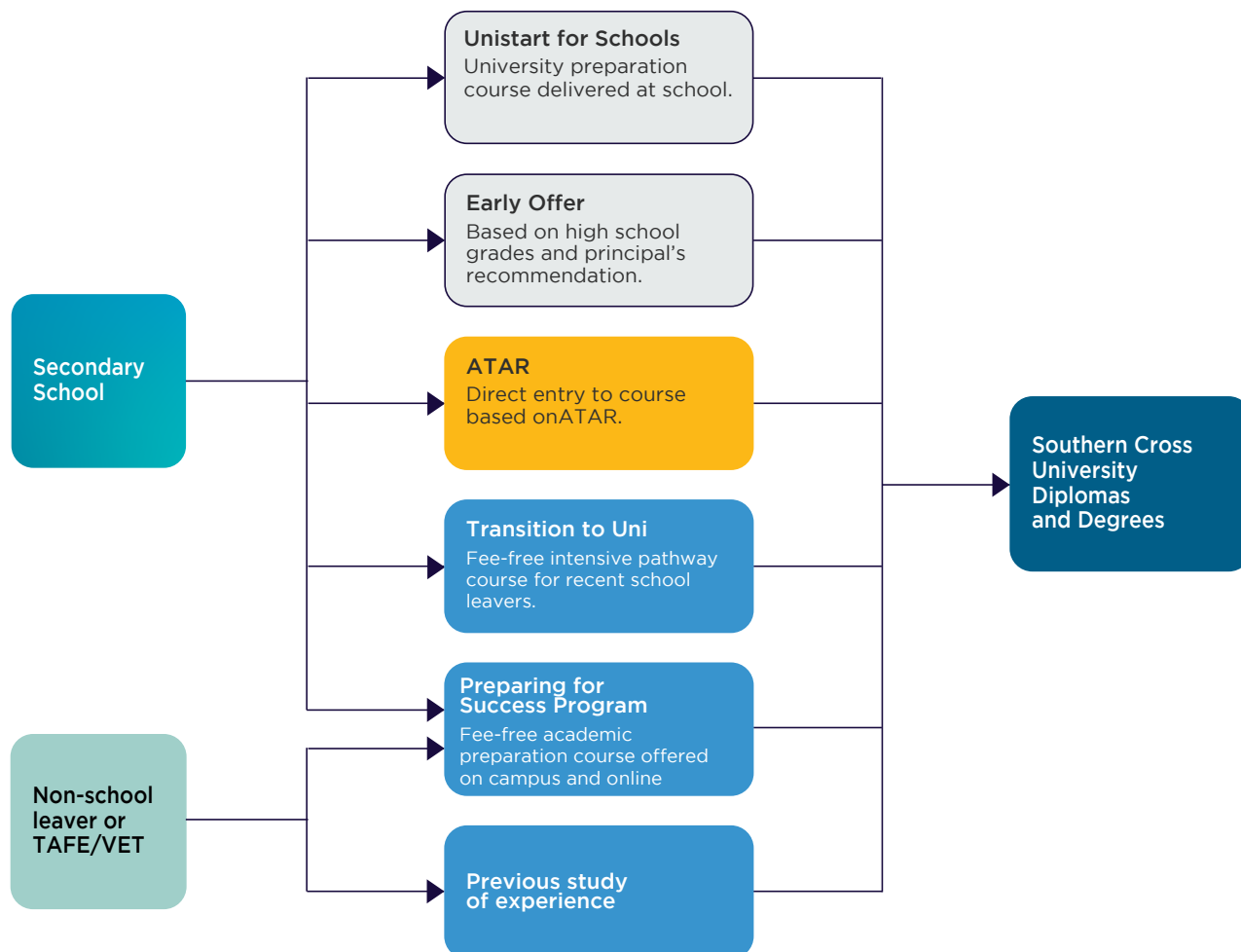
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Please note that some courses require you to attend an audition, interview or present a portfolio of work as part of your application. Check scu.edu.au/courses for details about individual course requirements and up-to-date course offerings.



Pathways to university

Whether you're still at school, have just finished Year 12, never finished school or left some time ago, there are many pathways into university.



Learn more:

scu.edu.au/pathways



"The Preparing for Success Program was ideal. It provided clear information about my options and obligations. I felt motivated and supported. I started my Bachelor of Psychological Science in 2015, graduated in 2017, and did Honours in 2018,"

Scott Goddard, PhD candidate.



A low-angle photograph of a modern building facade. The building features a grid of bright yellow rectangular panels. Several windows are integrated into the facade, each framed by a yellow, angular, sculptural element that protrudes from the panels. The building is set against a clear, vibrant blue sky. The text 'SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY' is mounted on the top edge of the yellow facade.

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speak to a study adviser
at Open Day

scu.edu.au/open-days

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