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Parent Information Booklet 2009



What is the purpose of the Parent Information Booklet?

University is quite different to anything your son or daughter will have experienced during their life and in most instances, you will be the first one they turn to for advice about their options.

From the moment they begin to consider university, you will be expected to navigate through a whole new set of terms you may not have come across before, and also provide emotional support as your son or daughter progresses into the adult world. While this is an exciting time, it can also be daunting and confusing. In order to assist you through this process Macquarie University has developed this parent information booklet.

Realistically the process of deciding whether to attend university, which university to go to, and what course to study, starts at different stages for each individual. However this guide has been designed to assist in talking with your son or daughter about post-school options from the moment they commence Year 10. By starting to develop knowledge of their post-school options at this stage in their high-school career, your child will be in a better position to make an educated choice when choosing their university program in Year 12.

Once the process of choosing a university is finished, parents soon need to turn to supporting their child through university study and beyond. In recognition of this we have divided our parent information booklet into three sections:

Part 1 – Before university

Part 2 – At university

Part 3 – Now a university graduate

At Macquarie we believe that an individual's time at university should be among the best years of their life. We hope this guide is a valuable resource and that you use the information to not only assist your son or daughter in the academic side of their uni life, but also to encourage them to take up some of the unique opportunities available to maximise their experience.

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Part 1: Before university

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Researching your options – what to do and when

Year 10 – What is university all about?

- Make sure your son or daughter is keeping their options open at this stage. They should obtain information about as many universities and courses as possible. Advise them to talk to people involved in university life (staff, current students, graduates) to help them decide if university is for them.
- Use the work experience option wisely. Advise your son or daughter to work towards a placement in a career area that is of genuine interest to them so that they can decide if it is something they would like to pursue further.
- Complete a career search quiz online. A good example is found on the Australian Job Search website – <http://jobsearch.gov.au/default.aspx>
- Encourage your son or daughter to visit their school careers adviser regularly. Careers advisers are the first point of contact for universities who offer opportunities to high-school students. If the careers adviser is familiar with their interests then it is more likely that they will be able to give better advice.
- Your son or daughter should choose subjects in Year 11 and 12 that they enjoy – not because they believe it's easier to get a better ATAR. The subjects they enjoy and excel in at high school will give a good indication of what they will enjoy and do well in at university. Have a look at bonus point schemes, like Macquarie's Academic Advantage, when choosing subjects.
- Visit university campuses. Open Days are a great way to get a feel for university. Attending Open Days from Year 10 means your son or daughter can start deciding which universities they would like to study at early on. Your son or daughter can also visit most campuses during school holidays.

Dayani Samarakoon

(PARENT)

"Sharini going to university was a big decision we had to make and which has paid off well. She's become a responsible, independent young person and worked very hard, balancing a job and uni work. I'm very proud of her and glad we made the correct choice. This is the first time she has been away from home as well. If children are willing to work hard and you have the finances to back them up, it's the best you can do for them! One quote that best sums up how important education is, especially in today's competitive environment would be from Aristotle who says 'Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity'."

Year 11 – Narrowing down your options

- Visit the Open Days of universities missed in Year 10.
- Have your son or daughter book another appointment with their careers adviser to discuss what they discovered in Year 10 and where they should look for further information.
- Look at the specific university websites. Start finding out information about the courses each university offers and whether they appeal to your child.
- Contact the university for a personal campus tour. Ask your school careers adviser to organise an excursion to Macquarie or to arrange for a student recruitment officer to visit the school and answer any questions students may have.

Sharini Samarakoon

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE –MARKETING

“I think I have grown in leaps and bounds in my two and a half years at university, I can’t believe that it’s almost over. Initially you do feel like a fish out of water, with all these new elements bombarding you. But the experience is one that is rewarding and bountiful. It’s taught me that you are capable of tackling more than you think can.”

Ross Preston

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH DIP ED

“Uni is a goldmine of opportunity, you just have to discover it. There is so much to explore, to experience and to achieve that a four-year bachelors can pass with the blink of the eye. Just like gold in a mine, uni is not worth anything until you get stuck in, so be pro-active and discover what this great uni has to offer, you’ll never look back.”

Year 12 – It’s time to choose!

- Think about what subjects your son or daughter has enjoyed during Years 11 and 12. This will help them gain an idea of the type of learning they enjoy. For example, do they like researching and preparing essays? If so they might consider something in the area of humanities.
- Visit university open days again. Ensure you have discussed what answers you need from each institution to make the most out of your day.
- Universities often send representatives out to schools to speak to students – make sure your son or daughter is aware of these opportunities and attends them where possible.
- Look out for scholarships to apply for. Scholarships are not just for geniuses – many scholarships around the country go unawarded because nobody applied for them. Scholarships are often awarded by institutions external to universities such as the Rural Nurses Board or Teach.NSW.

Things to consider in your decision making process

What is the ATAR?

In 2010 the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) will replace the Universities Admissions Index (UAI). A higher ATAR cut-off for a university degree does not indicate that the course is more prestigious, or more difficult, it is a ranking used by universities to admit applicants based on the number of available places for a degree.

Sometimes a student will choose a degree that does not interest them simply because they do not want to waste their points. The most important thing is for your child to choose a degree program that interests them, not because it has a higher UAI / ATAR cut-off.

When helping your son or daughter pick a university course ask:

- What are they good at?
- What is it about them that makes them good at these things? For example, do they have strong writing skills? Are they a practical/hands-on worker?
- What extra-curricular activities do they enjoy? Students are more likely to succeed at university if they have the opportunity to do things they enjoy.

- Do they have any academic weaknesses to overcome to be eligible for these courses?
- What are the main things they want to achieve from university study? Do they want to go straight into the workforce or are they interested in completing postgraduate study?
- In what kinds of jobs are people employed in after completing the course they are interested in?
- Do they really understand what is involved in a certain course or career? Have they spoken to people working in that area, researched the courses and careers online or spoken to current students?
- What are their personal/cultural values and ethics? Would certain courses or careers require them to act outside of these values and ethics?
- What are the compulsory subjects that this course covers?

Remember employment market conditions may have changed considerably by the time your son or daughter graduates. Help them choose a degree that matches their interests and abilities: they will get more from their studies, and will likely be a more successful student and graduate as a result.



When helping your son or daughter pick a university consider:

- **The availability of courses** Consult the UAC guide to see which universities offer the degree they are interested in studying.
- **Transport options** Will they have access to a car? Will they rely on public transport? Can they actually get transport to the universities they are considering?
- **Location** Students often underestimate the impact that travel time will have on their university experience. Students will have anywhere between 12 and 30 hours of classes per week. For every one hour of classes per week it is estimated they will have another one to two hours per week of readings, assignments and study to do. Combine this requirement with a part-time job and a social life, then add in commuting time to see how much of an impact location is will really have.
- **Talking to current students of each of the universities you are considering** Ask them what they were expecting before they got to university and what things

they considered when choosing their university. Also ask what things they would think about if they had to choose a university again, now that they know more about uni life. As a parent it also helps to talk to other parents about their children's experiences.

- **Want to talk with Macquarie university students online?** Get Sirius is a website written by Macquarie University students. Prospective students can chat to current Macquarie students about their degree or other aspects of university life. Go to www.getsirius.mq.edu.au for more information.
- **Going to Open Days** Macquarie University's Open Day is on Saturday 12 September from 10am – 4pm.
- **The extra-curricular opportunities that are available** Is your son or daughter interested in travel? For example, Macquarie has one of the most generous international exchange programs of any Australian university.
- **Facilities** What facilities and services does the university have to support your son or daughter both academically and personally?

- **Learning more about the ATAR** Often students make choices regarding their university course based on a notion of wanting to use all their ATAR points and not letting them 'go to waste'. The ATAR cut-off for course entry is simply an entry ranking, it is by no means indicative of the quality of a course, the level of difficulty of a course, or the value of that course to potential employers. Students should choose universities based on their skills, personal interests and potential career path. It is much better to 'waste' 10 ATAR points than it is to waste a year or two in a course, or at a university, that your son or daughter isn't happy with.

ACADEMIC ADVANTAGE

Have you got your bonus points?

Academic Advantage is Macquarie University's HSC and International Baccalaureate (IB) bonus point scheme that recognises students' academic achievements in subjects that relate specifically to Macquarie's degree programs.

You can receive a maximum five bonus points for each Macquarie University preference.

No application is necessary – your bonus points are automatically calculated by UAC when you put a Macquarie degree in your preferences.

To find out more about Academic Advantage, the degree programs that are included, and the HSC subjects where bonus points are offered, visit www.mq.edu.au/academicadvantage.



Jessica Brown
Graduated 2009 with a
Bachelor of Education

Frequently Asked Questions

What is expected of a university student?

Making the transition between high school and university can be challenging for students, particularly if they are the first in their family to follow a tertiary path. Your son or daughter will be entering a new environment with new people, new forms of assessment and a new lifestyle.

An understanding of the key differences between school and university may assist you in helping them settle into university life.

Here's what they can expect:

- New class structures (lectures, tutorials and practicals), new relationships with teachers (academics), new friends and new terminology.
- Greater timetable flexibility (depending on the chosen study program) and generally less 'contact' hours than at school.
- Self-directed learning, but an increased workload.
- More independence and freedom with a greater ability to change programs and courses.
- Opportunities to join clubs and societies, attend new events and try new activities.

- Additional things to juggle (hobbies, work, assignments, relationships, sports, going-out).
- Night classes.

What if your son or daughter doesn't get the ATAR they expected?

Most school leavers are admitted to university based on their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). If the ATAR is inadequate to get into the course desired, there is a wide range of alternative pathways available:

- Non-award entry
- Internal transfer
- Sydney Institute of Business and Technology (SIBT)
- International College of Management, Sydney (ICMS)
- TAFE
- Open Universities Australia
- Distance education
- Certificate/Diploma of Languages
- Mature Age Jubilee Scheme
- Transfer from another university

Macquarie University also offers a variety of special-consideration schemes. These include:

- uniTEST (alternative entry test based on equity)
- Educational Access Scheme (The Lighthouse Scheme)
- Elite Athletes and Performers Scheme
- Warawara Alternative Entry Program (for Indigenous students)

For more information visit www.futurestudent.mq.edu.au/undergraduate

How much does university cost?

Macquarie offers Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) to Australian residents. These students pay a contribution towards the cost of their education (student contribution) and the rest is subsidised by the Australian Government.

What financial assistance is available to university students?

HECS

The HECS-HELP loan scheme allows Commonwealth supported students to defer paying their student contribution until they are earning a salary above a set minimum threshold, at which point they repay the loan as a percentage of their wage. HECS-HELP

THE STUDENT CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT FOR 2009 ENROLMENT

Band - Subject Area	Annual Student Contribution Amount
Band 1: Humanities, Behavioural Science, Social Studies, Clinical Psychology, Foreign Languages, Visual and Performing Arts	\$5201
Band 2: Computing, Built Environment, Allied Health, Other Health, Engineering Surveying, Agriculture	\$7412
Band 3: Law, Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce, Dentistry, Medicine, Veterinary Science	\$8677
National Priority: Education, Nursing, Mathematics**, Statistics**, Science**	\$4162

**** Mathematics, statistics, science units** - As a commencing student in 2009 you will be charged at the **National Priority** rate (\$4162 pa) for mathematics, statistics and science units.

Course transfer - If you transfer from a non-science to a science course in 2009 you will be charged at the **National Priority** rate (\$4162 pa) for mathematics, statistics and science units in your science course.

For a comprehensive overview of university fees visit www.mq.edu.au/unifees.

is only available to Australian citizens and holders of permanent humanitarian visas.

Tuition fees do not cover the cost of other items required for studying a particular unit or course. Examples include:

- Textbooks
- Photocopying and printing
- Costs associated with field trips

- Student activity fees
- Transport costs

Centrelink

Centrelink may provide financial assistance to students who are Australian residents and studying full-time. Applicants are assessed on a case-by-case basis and must meet specific criteria. Services to students may include:

- Youth Allowance

- Abstudy
- Austudy
- Rent assistance
- Health Care Card
- Student Financial Supplement
- Fare Allowance

Student loans and grants

Macquarie University offers interest free loans to students to cover the cost of items such as textbooks, computers and living expenses. Also offered are student grants (non-repayable funds) to students who are affected by exceptional circumstances.

Support for accomodation

Student Support Services has excellent advice on financial assistance for accommodation, including scholarships, bursaries and prizes offered by our different residential colleges. The NSW Department of Housing also has some options worth investigating.



Anita Chang

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
(EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)

Being an HSC student is tough, you go through the process of deciding a career path, successfully achieving the results and then entering into the necessary degree at a university. Some students get it right on the first go. For me, I had to look into alternatives. I chose Macquarie University's non-award program as it offered me great flexibility. I was able to study along with Macquarie students, in regular classes – nobody knew I was a pathway student! All I needed to do was successfully complete four subjects at my own pace and then I was able to go into a degree program. One of the best things about non-award was the opportunity to study a range of subjects – a 'try before you buy' if you like! Four years down the track I am now a graduate of the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education).

Useful websites

Macquarie University
www.futurestudent.mq.edu.au/undergraduate

Academic Advantage
www.mq.edu.au/academicadvantage

Get Sirius
www.getsirius.mq.edu.au

Apply for Macquarie University
www.reg.mq.edu.au/undergrad/current/scholarship/

Australian Government Portal
www.goingtouni.gov.au

My Future
www.myfuture.edu.au

Career Development Week
www.ncdw.com.au

Job Juice
www.jobjuice.gov.au

Ace Day Jobs
www.abc.net.au/acedayjobs/cooljobs/

Year 12 What Next?
www.year12whatnext.gov.au/

Careers in Science
www.careersinscience.gov.au

Universities Admissions Centre
www.uac.edu.au

Scholarships

Macquarie University offers a range of scholarships for school leavers and undergraduate students. Most have a strong emphasis on social inclusion and equity and are awarded on the basis of financial need and/or other hardship. Others recognise factors such as academic excellence, sporting achievement, outstanding character and extra-curricular activities.

Scholarships currently offered by Macquarie University include:

- Merit scholarships
- Educational Cost scholarships
- Indigenous scholarships
- Accommodation scholarships

- Commonwealth scholarships
- Faculty and departmental scholarships
- International exchange scholarships and travel grants
- Sports scholarships

External organisations also offer scholarships to university students, regardless of where they study. It is well worth the time spending a few hours searching for scholarships on the internet and applying for them. You never know what your son or daughter may be awarded and even \$500 is a valuable contribution to the expenses of university study. You can request a Macquarie University scholarships brochure by contacting macquariemarketing@mq.edu.au or visit www.mq.edu.au/scholarships

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2009, 10AM - 4PM

www.mq.edu.au



Kurtis Lindsay
Bachelor of Science



Part 2: At university

Surviving the first year

Enrolment

If your son or daughter receives an offer to study at Macquarie University they should follow the instructions received with their letter of offer. Students must first accept their offer online. They are then required to come into the University on a specified day to receive academic advising and complete their enrolment process.

It can take some time to complete each step in the enrolment process. Some of the things that students need to do include:

- Decide on the subjects they wish to study throughout the year
- Obtain academic advice
- Set their timetable
- Enrol in tutorials and lectures
- Get a student ID card
- Gain access to the computer network

- Pay fees (if required).

Tips to get students through the university administration process:

- Start early! Classes fill up, queues get longer
- Read everything the University sends. Courses and enrolment procedures can be different for students enrolling in different degrees
- Highlight all of the important information (locations, deadlines, order of enrolment)
- Keep all of the administration paperwork
- Ask questions.

Uni Speak – terms you might not know:

Academic year: The academic year is made up of two semesters each consisting of 13 weeks of teaching and an examination period of several weeks. The first half-year begins in late February.

Area of study: A subject area, such as economics or mathematics, from which a major can be chosen.

Assumed knowledge: Some 100-level units, while not having prerequisites, assume that a student will have certain knowledge and skills from previous study (such as the HSC). This information is listed each year in the UAC Guide.

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP): A higher education place for which the Australian Government makes a contribution to a student's education provider towards the cost of their education.

Corequisite: A unit of study which has to be completed prior to or concurrently with another.

Credit point: Each unit of study is worth a specified number of credit points. The credit point value of a unit reflects the amount of work required. Each credit point in a half-year unit would indicate that a student should expect to spend about four hours each week on that unit (including class contact hours).

Deferral: The process whereby students who have been offered a place at Macquarie

University decide to postpone studies for a period of one year.

Degree: The first degree a student enrolls in is a Bachelor degree. Most Bachelor degrees take three years of full-time study to complete. An Honours degree is awarded to meritorious students who have completed an extra year of full-time study following their Bachelor degree. A higher degree or postgraduate degree is undertaken by those who have already completed a Bachelor degree or Honours degree.

Distance education: Certain units of study are offered on an external basis. This may include correspondence, audio CDs, videos, kits and other modes of learning.

Full-time: Students are classified as a full-time undergraduate student if they are enrolled for the year in 17 or more credit points.

Grade Point Average (GPA): A calculation which reflects the overall quality of grades throughout a course. A GPA of 4.0, for example, would indicate that all a student's grades have been of distinction or high-distinction level.

Level: The level at which a unit is taught indicates the amount of prior knowledge

required to study it successfully. For example, 100-level units may be entered in the first year of study and often do not have any prerequisite units, while at 200-level, units generally have 100-level prerequisites.

Major: A Major is a structured sequence of units, represented either by a coherent study or by a particular study pattern.

Non-award: Allows a student to enrol in units without being enrolled in a degree or diploma.

Part-time: Students are regarded as part-time undergraduate students if they are enrolled in fewer than 17 credit points in a year.

Practical: Practical work or sessions are usually a compulsory component in scientific subjects of the University. They are often carried out in a laboratory or in the field and involve 'hands-on' techniques.

Prerequisite: A prerequisite is a unit of study which must be completed or a requirement which must be satisfied before a student enrolls in a particular unit.

Prescribed unit: A compulsory unit that must be studied in a degree.

Semester: The academic teaching period of about seventeen weeks in duration including the mid semester break.

Study pattern: A structured sequence of units taken to satisfy the relevant degree requirements. It consists of core units at each level and usually a number of elective units to make up the total number of credit points required for the degree.

Tutorial: A class in which a group of approximately 12 to 20 students meet with a tutor to discuss a specific topic. The topic may relate to one of the lectures in the unit.

Undergraduate: Any course of academic study for a Bachelor degree.

Unit code: An individual code has been allotted to each unit of study. The code consists of three or four letters to represent the subject area followed by one digit to represent the level of the unit: for example, 1 = 100-level, 2 = 200-level, 3 = 300-level, followed by two further digits to distinguish the particular unit. For example, the unit code for Language and Social Life is LING312, indicating that it is a Linguistics unit at 300-level.

Unit of study: Each course is made up of a number of units of study (sometimes informally called subjects), each is worth a set number of credit points.

Transition to university

The first days of university life can be tough. Not only is it a new environment, few or none of your son or daughter's high-school friends will be around. Students can be unsure of who to ask or where to go when they need help.

That's where the Macquarie University Transition Program provides invaluable information and assistance to new students to help them make a successful transition to study at Macquarie University. Support programs for students in transition include:

- Orientation days
- Tours
- Information sessions on topics including time management, writing skills, note-taking in lectures and using the Library

The Transition Team also coordinates Mentors@Macquarie. The Macquarie Mentor Program links current students with new students to help them settle in, meet new people, find out about university life, get to know the right people to talk to and find the places they need to go. Students can apply for a Mentor at enrolment, on Orientation Day or online at the Transition Program website www.mq.edu.au/transition.

Tips for easing the transition

- Chat about what your son or daughter is looking forward to, what their concerns are and how you can help them in the adjustment period.
- Be aware that their university experience is a balance between studying and socialising.
- Encourage them to develop new friendships, join student groups and get connected with what is happening on their campus.
- Respect their subject choices.
- Keep in mind that while the responsibilities that come with university study rest with your son or daughter, there are many support services to offer help if required.



Rob Persson

BACHELOR OF ANCIENT HISTORY (HON)
MENTOR, MENTORS@MACQUARIE

The transition from school to uni is not always easy. Campus is about 10 times larger than most schools, there are thousands more people, you will know fewer of them, and you'll need to learn a whole new way of doing things – it's like learning a whole new language! But don't worry – we speak 'uni'. The Mentors@Macquarie program helps thousands of students every semester. During Orientation, our mentors give lectures, run mini-tutes and tours and answer ... well, LOTS of questions. We do it all, and we will be doing it again for your child when they get to Macquarie. Look for us in our Ask Me t-shirts!



Dr Julian De Meyrick

DEAN OF STUDENTS

The office of the Dean of Students is here to help students who encounter an academic problem that cannot be resolved with the faculty or department. Essentially, we look after the academic well-being of your son or daughter. A student can contact us whenever they have a problem and we can help them achieve a resolution. We also manage the transition program, helping new university students settle into university life. We take a special interest in groups of students who might find the change difficult. Our expertise is in academic issues but we work closely with the Student Wellbeing teams as they provide support with non-academic problems which can impact on the student's ability to succeed in their studies. The Office of the Dean of Students can be contacted by phone on (02) 9850 7464 or by email at deanofstudents@mq.edu.au

➤ **What are the signs of a successful university student?**

- They have a genuine interest in their field of study.
- They recognise that university is not just about study and take part in campus-based activities.
- They have realistic expectations of university.
- They have a positive attitude, even when their grades do not reflect their effort.
- They persevere with challenges.
- They take responsibility for their own learning.
- They have the self-discipline to prioritise study.
- They attend class regularly and look forward to attending university.
- They complete assignments by the due date.

What are the signs of a struggling student?

- Lack of friendship networks.
- Disinterest in enrolled course.
- Unwillingness to discuss anything about university.

- Failure to attend class on a regular basis, hand in assignments or go to exams.
- Refusing to seek assistance.
- Excessive socialising.
- Taking on too much paid employment, to the detriment of their study.
- Low self-esteem.

What to do if your child is not coping:

- Macquarie University offers a counselling service. Encourage your son or daughter to go and have a chat.
- Find out if your son or daughter can 'drop' a subject to ease the workload. There is usually a deadline that allows students to drop subjects without a failure mark being recorded.
- Ensure they have a well-balanced lifestyle and are eating correctly and exercising enough.
- Encourage them to think about the degree they have chosen. It is not the end of the world if they need to change courses.
- Encourage your child to develop a professional relationship with a mentor or academic adviser.

- Appreciate that universities have changed significantly, especially over the last decade. For this reason, comparison with your own experience may be vastly different.
- Celebrate their achievements.

Support services

Macquarie University provides a full range of services to assist students who might need help. They include:

- Transition and Mentoring Program
- Careers guidance
- Chaplaincy
- Childcare
- Counselling
- Disabilities services
- Medical services
- Financial services
- Legal advice
- Equal Opportunity Advocacy
- Ask a Librarian
- The Numeracy Centre
- Study workshops
- Writing help and workshops
- Learning skills workshops

- Student Online Study Support
- IT Help and training courses
- Security and campus courtesy bus

Technology

Macquarie University has an enviable reputation for delivering courses through new and innovative techniques, such as iLecture (a streaming technology that provides students with online access to recorded lectures). Students can gain access to the Internet from anywhere on campus thanks to a wireless network.

For the majority of students starting university, the need for immediate computer literacy is perhaps the single biggest hurdle to successful progress. At Macquarie University all administrative procedures are conducted online including enrolment, accessing results and timetables. In addition many units of study use varying degrees of information technology literacy, for example, the Student Blackboard, iLecture, class-based discussion groups, submission of specific work, and communicating with academics. Being able to comfortably manage IT demands is necessary for rapid integration into the Macquarie community.

Student IT Help provides information technology support and assistance to students. This is achieved by maintaining the student computers available for use on campus and running online computer literacy and software courses to assist students in their IT needs.

Accommodation

Macquarie University offers excellent accommodation options at Dunmore Lang College, Robert Menzies College or at the Macquarie University Village.

Robert Menzies College (RMC) and Dunmore Lang College (DLC) offer catered accommodation with single bedrooms and communal or ensuite bathrooms (ensuite only DLC). All bedrooms are furnished with a study area, bed, wardrobe, broadband Internet access as well as other 'touches of home'.

The Colleges also offer:

- Weekly room cleaning and fresh linen
- 24 hour access to computer labs with a printer
- Access to the University library catalogue, on-line lecturer notes and email via the University network
- Recreational facilities and lounge areas



- Residential tutors
- College library
- Laundries
- Student kitchens

The Macquarie University Village is a self-catering facility. Students have a choice of room types (one bedroom apartment or five bedroom apartment) with a desk, chair and built in wardrobe. Every bedroom has its own ensuite and kitchens are stocked with crockery, cutlery, pots and pans.

Off-campus accommodation is also plentiful and can be sourced through newspapers, the Internet, local real estate agents or noticeboards around campus.

To find out more about accommodation options on campus visit www.sss.mq.edu.au/accomodation.



Vanessa Hoban

BACHELOR OF MEDIA WITH
BACHELOR OF LAWS

Macquarie University has a fantastic student exchange program – all of my friends from other uni's are envious of the opportunities available here. I went to Austria to study at the University of Vienna, School of Law (Juridicum for those who speak German!). The university taught in English, so whilst I picked up a little German, it wasn't necessary for me to be fluent. The opportunity to gain an international perspective of law will be invaluable to my future employment prospects, and on a personal level, it was great for me to learn independent living skills. My mum is glad that I learnt how to do my own washing! Macquarie University has the best travel grant scheme of any university in Australia – the University gave me \$4000 to go to Austria.

More than 'Just a Degree' – Adding value to your child's university experience

At Macquarie University we provide many opportunities for our students to ensure that when the time comes to apply for jobs they have more than 'just a degree'.

Imagine your son or daughter attending a job interview with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Macquarie University alongside students with the same degree from other universities. What is it that is going to make your child stand out? We believe it is the skills and experience they have gained while studying at Macquarie University as well as the chance to take advantage of the many extra-curricular opportunities that they have had.

Graduates able to demonstrate an understanding of cross-cultural concepts through their own international experience will have a strong competitive edge in today's global marketplace. Employers will look beyond an academic transcript for the additional skills potential employees have developed including communication, creativity, a broad perspective, leadership and initiative. Industry demands graduates who have proven their potential for a leadership position.

Some of the opportunities available at Macquarie University include:

Global Leadership Program

As part of Macquarie's commitment to internationalisation and innovation, the Global Leadership Program (GLP) allows students to enhance their Macquarie degree and develop their potential to become a global leader.

Macquarie's Global Leadership Program can equip students with leadership potential, professional skills and international experiences to pursue a truly international career.

It is the core concepts of cultural understanding, experiential learning and generic skills training embodied in the GLP that will differentiate your child as a Macquarie graduate and as an individual prepared to assume a role of global leadership. The GLP is comprised of:

- Participation in colloquia workshops on global issues
- Attendance and networking at the distinguished speaker series
- Engaging in activities at Macquarie and abroad for experiential credit

The GLP adds value to your child's Macquarie experience by providing:

- An international learning experience
- Evidence of extra-curricula learning on their resume
- Knowledge of key concepts in cross-cultural understanding
- Exposure to distinguished scholars and inspiring industry professionals
- A network of other young people striving for professional development
- A set of generic skills identified as fundamental in the development of a leader.

Student Exchange

Students who are considering a gap year for the purpose of travel might wish to think about coming to university for a year and then travelling as an exchange student to take advantage of the financial and social opportunities. If students plan their travels wisely they will still have plenty of time to see some of the world while also being exposed to a different learning and cultural environment in way that just doesn't happen when overseas travel is undertaken as a 'tourist'.

Macquarie University is undoubtedly the leader in providing support and opportunity for students to complete an international



exchange. Better yet, Macquarie puts its money where its mouth is through one of the most generous travel scholarship programs in Australia.

Students who are on Youth Allowance will still receive their benefit while overseas as long as they are enrolled as a student at their home university (ie as long as they are officially on exchange).

Studying at an overseas institution can prove costly if a student is enrolled as an international student; however those who go on exchange pay fees to their home institution and can defer their fees through the HECS-Help scheme. This is a fantastic way to study at some great overseas institutions without paying large fees for the privilege.

Student Exchange is available through Macquarie to more than 43 countries worldwide with a choice of 300 institutions and study opportunities for all interests and backgrounds. Studies overseas are credited to your son or daughter's Macquarie degree, so there is no disruption to their study program. The skills they gain in adapting to a new learning, living and social environment are skills that will make them stand out when applying for jobs after graduation.

Internships

Various Macquarie University departments offer units of study that involve internships aimed at allowing students to develop practical skills relevant to their studies. Students enrolled in the GLP can also earn points towards the program by completing an internship at an organisation with an international focus.

Internships are a great way to get a foot in the door at companies, develop new skills and make some contacts in a particular industry. Even students who don't have a requirement to do an internship built into their course should consider attempting one over their summer break.

Volunteering

Macquarie Volunteers Abroad provides staff and students with the unique opportunity to apply their skills and enthusiasm to volunteer projects around the world. These programs enable students to experience other cultures and share their own knowledge and experiences with developing communities.

Macquarie's objectives through our volunteer programs are:

- To contribute to the progress of the millennium development goals
- To raise awareness within the University community about the importance of volunteering
- To fight poverty and social marginalisation by volunteer work
- To give students a social dimension to their education by applying their skills and knowledge to the benefit of society.

Our programs:

- are open to all Macquarie students and recent alumni
- do not require specific qualifications or experience
- are team based (15-20 volunteers per team)
- run from two weeks to several months
- have several departures per year (scheduled to suit university breaks).

Participating students may be eligible for travel grants to cover some of the costs. Students in the Global Leadership Program will earn points towards their experiential credit.

Sport and Recreation

The Macquarie University Sport and Aquatic Centre offers a range of programs to keep all students healthy and active. Students purchase a membership or join on a casual basis.

With membership students receive unlimited access to the:

- state-of-the-art gym
- cardio theatre and spin classes
- 50-metre heated outdoor swimming pool
- 25-metre heated indoor swimming pool
- lifestyle room
- numerous fitness classes and sports activities offered on a weekly timetable system
- weekend fitness activities (including day trips and short courses)

Clubs and Societies

Macquarie University's clubs and societies are a great starting point to meet like-minded people. There are more than 84 affiliated student-run groups and 17 sporting clubs on campus including:

- Actuarial Students Society
- African Students Association



Jen Purcell

BACHELOR OF ARTS (ANCIENT HISTORY)

Juggling my judo commitments with my university study has not always been easy but as a student-athlete Macquarie University has provided me the support I need to succeed in both study and sport. Through the student-athlete program I have been provided not only with financial support but also one-on-one mentoring on the judo mat and in the classroom. Macquarie is so supportive of my ambitions across all areas of my life – it is obvious that they want me to succeed not just in my studies, but also in my sport!

- Ancient History Association
- AnimeMQ
- Chess Club
- Community Garden Club
- Dance Academy
- DRAMAC (Drama at Macquarie)
- Filmsoc (Film Society)
- Law Society
- MacImpro
- MacQuaff (Wine appreciation)
- Musical Society
- Pyromaniacs
- Skeptics Society

Flexible Study

Macquarie is committed to offering innovative and flexible study programs that best suit student interests, and the changing demands of the workplace.

This flexibility means that students can choose what they want to study and when they want to study it. This allows them to organise their timetable around work, travel and other commitments.

Flexibility for students means that they can:

- Choose when they attend lectures
- Decide which tutorial group they wish to join
- Easily transfer between subjects and degrees
- Select a large variety of electives to complement their core degree subjects
- Pick which mode of study is preferable (full-time, part-time, online, distance)

Part-time work

Part-time work not only allows your son or daughter to support themselves while at university but also offers the opportunity to develop skills and gain experience that will prove valuable in the post-graduation job search.

Macquarie University supports our students in finding part-time work through the Career Development Centre. There are a wide variety of work opportunities available on campus from café work to working in the marketing of the University. The Career Development Centre also operates a service called CareerHub which advertises part-time work both on campus and for external organisations.

Useful Websites

Transition to University
www.mq.edu.au/transition

Student Services
www.sss.mq.edu.au/

Social Services
www.uatmq.com.au

Global Leadership Program
www.international.mq.edu.au/glp

Student Exchange
www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad

Volunteering
www.international.mq.edu.au/volunteer/abroad

Career Development Office
www.careers.mq.edu.au

Student Portal
www.student.mq.edu.au

Numeracy Centre
www.maths.mq.edu.au/numeracy/

Office of Financial Services
www ofs.mq.edu.au/student_finances/paying_fees.htm

Part 3: Now a university graduate

Graduation Day

Graduation is the culmination of many years of hard work, and an acknowledgement by the university that a student has gained a certain level of knowledge and proficiency in a specific area.

Academic degrees are conferred at graduation ceremonies held in April and October at Macquarie University. These ceremonies are formal events and last between one and two hours with all students wearing a formal cap and gown (academic dress). Families are more than welcome to attend the ceremony to see students presented with their testamur. A social function is held after the ceremony for all students and their guests.

When your son or daughter is nearing the end of their university course they will need to check their eligibility to graduate. It is a good idea at this point to ensure the university has their correct contact details.



Pouran Bassiri

MOTHER OF MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE, FARNAZ BASSIRI

"My daughter's graduation was as much a milestone for me as it was for Farnaz. I took pleasure in watching her reap the reward for all her hard work whilst she was at university. As a parent it gives me peace of mind to see my daughter graduate and enjoy working in her chosen field. I'm also grateful that Macquarie University has allowed this opportunity, especially giving her the flexibility she needed when wanting to switch to a different degree."



Getting the most out of being a university graduate

Alumni benefits

Graduation marks the conclusion of a significant stage of the Macquarie experience for students and the commencement of another – a lifelong relationship with the University through its alumni community.

The Macquarie University alumni community is made up of more than 110,000 graduates living in more than 150 countries around the world. At Macquarie, we broaden the traditional definition of the term 'alumni' and include current students, past and present members of staff, parents of students, volunteers as well as donors and friends of the University.

Graduates automatically become members of the Macquarie alumni community and are encouraged to maintain active and continuing contact with fellow graduates and the University.

Macquarie's alumni program offers many benefits to our graduates. All alumni, for example, have free membership to the University library including access to three online databases, and can also receive special alumni rates at the University's Sport and Aquatic Centre. Graduates are also kept

informed through the Alumni website, email communications and magazine, *Macquarie Matters*.

Additionally, the Alumni scholarships, prizes and awards program recognises distinguished alumni and gives financial assistance to both alumni and students.

Importantly, staying connected with the alumni community offers great social and professional networking opportunities around the world. Macquarie's Alumni Relations Office organises a range of social and professional activities and programs to help alumni stay in touch and keep connected. These include:

- Alumni chapters and networks across the globe
- Invitations to exclusive alumni events and programs
- Opportunities to share their success stories with fellow alumni.

Whether graduates are in Australia or overseas, they can benefit from a lifelong connection to Macquarie.

Careers Services

The Career Development Office (CDO) assists recent graduates in the ever important next phase – the 'getting a job' phase.

The CDO organises graduate recruitment fairs, seminars by major employers and also hosts workshops on topics such as online applications, psychological and psychometric testing and interview skills.

Graduate positions are also advertised through its 'Careerhub' website, available only to Macquarie students and recent graduates. Graduates can make private appointments with the University's career development staff to get advice and assistance on how to get a job in their chosen field, or even how to choose a field for those recent graduates who are unsure of what to do next.

Become a Mentor

Macquarie alumni are leaders in the world. Our alumni – more than 110,000 globally – are successful in business, industry, government, education, the arts, sport and non-profit organisations. They are our connection to the broader community and we are proud of the contribution they make.

Useful websites for uni graduates

Graduation Office

www.graduation.mq.edu.au

Alumni Relations

www.alumni.mq.edu.au/Alumni/

Career Hub

www.careerhub.mq.edu.au

Postgraduate Study

www.postgrad.mq.edu.au/

Graduate Opportunities

www.graduateopportunities.com

Graduate Careers Australia

www.graduatecareers.com.au

Graduates Online

www.gradsonline.com.au



2010 Undergraduate Degrees

From 2010 the UAI will be called the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). Most students will receive a slightly higher ATAR than the equivalent UAI, with similar changes to course cut-offs.

Undergraduate degrees	Pattern of Attendance	CSP 2009 Cutoffs	UAC Code
B Actuarial Studies	3F/EqP	nc	300231
B Actuarial Studies with B Economics	4F	nc	300274
B Actuarial Studies with B Laws	5-6F^	nc	300335
B Actuarial Studies with B Science	4F	nc	300276
B Advanced Science	3F/EqP	nc	300543
B Ancient History (Honours)	4F/EqP	80.15	300115
B Applied Finance	3F/EqP	86.60	300201
B Applied Finance with B Actuarial Studies	4F	nc	300263
B Applied Finance with B Commerce – Professional Accounting	4F	nc	300272
B Applied Finance with B Economics	4F/EqP	84.40	300271
B Applied Finance with B Laws	5F	96.00	300312
B Arts	3F/EqP	75.00	300107
B Arts by Distance Education	6D	80.00	300105
B Arts in Development Studies and Culture Change	3F/EqP	81.80	300119
B Arts in Media	3F/EqP	nc	300139
B Arts in Media with B Laws	5F	nc	300318
B Arts in Museum Studies	3F/EqP	nc	300551
B Arts with B Commerce	4F	nc	300287
B Arts with B Laws	5F	95.10	300304
B Arts with B Science	4F/EqP	nc	300145
B Arts with Dip Education	4F/EqP	75.10	300117
B Arts – Psychology	3F/EqP	83.25	300127
B Arts – Psychology with B Health	4F/Eqp	83.90	300123
B Arts – Psychology with B Laws	5F	95.05	300395
B Arts – Psychology with Dip Education	4F/EqP	84.10	300130
B Biodiversity and Conservation	3F/EqP	nc	300532
B Business Administration	3F/EqP	83.20	300204
B Business Administration with B Arts	4F/EqP	86.90	300253
B Business Administration with B Arts – Psychology	4F/EqP	83.05	300258
B Business Administration with B Commerce – Professional Accounting	4F/EqP	nc	300282
B Business Administration with B Laws	5F	95.20	300308
B Chiropractic Science	3F/EqP	73.05	300470
B Commerce	3F/EqP	82.00	300210
B Commerce with B Laws	5F	95.00	300307
B Commerce with B Science	4F	nc	300288
B Commerce – Professional Accounting	3F/EqP	nc	300229
B Commerce – Professional Accounting with B Laws	5F	nc	300322
B Community Management *	3F/EqP	N/A	de
B eBusiness	3F/EqP	70.50	300497
B Economics	3F/EqP	82.05	300209
B Education (Early Childhood Education)	4F/EqP	73.20	300407

Undergraduate degrees	Pattern of Attendance	CSP 2009 Cutoffs	UAC Code
B Education (Early Childhood Education) by Distance Education	8D	N/A	300415
B Engineering in Computer Engineering	4F	76.95	300751
B Engineering in Electronics Engineering	4F	76.75	300752
B Engineering in Software Engineering	4F	75.95	300755
B Engineering in Telecommunications Engineering	4F	75.65	300750
B Engineering in Wireless Engineering	4F	75.65	300754
B Engineering with B Arts	5F	nc	300760
B Engineering with B Business Administration	5F	83.00	300759
B Engineering with B Commerce	5F	82.00	300757
B Engineering with B Science	5F	75.65	300758
B Environment	3F/EqP	nc	300516
B Environment with B Laws	5F	nc	300317
B Health	3F/EqP	75.50	300520
B Information Technology	3F/EqP	70.50	300503
B Information Technology with B Laws	5F	96.00	300340
B International Studies	3F/EqP	80.05	300131
B International Studies with B Laws	5F	95.20	300316
B Laws (Graduate entry)	3F	nc	300299
B Laws by Distance Education	6D	N/A	300295
B Marine Science	3F/Eq	74.10	300515
B Medical Sciences	3F/EqP	79.60	300518
B Planning	4F/EqP	74.05	300570
B Psychology (Honours)	4F/EqP	93.15	300126
B Science	3F/EqP	72.05	300517
B Science by Distance Education	6D	72.00	300525
B Science in Astronomy and Astrophysics	3F/EqP	75.95	300529
B Science in Climate Science	3F/EqP	nc	300533
B Science in Development Studies and Culture Change	3F/EqP	nc	300548
B Science in Museum Studies	3F/EqP	nc	300553
B Science in Photonics	3F/EqP	nc	300544
B Science in Physics	3F/Eq	nc	300546
B Science with B Laws	5F	95.45	300305
B Science with Dip Education	4F/EqP	72.30	300537
B Science – Psychology	3F/EqP	83.55	300129
B Social Science	3F/EqP	75.30	300120
B Social Science with B Laws	5F	95.00	300319
B Speech and Hearing Sciences	3F/EqP	85.25	300521
B Teaching (Birth to Five Years)	5D	N/A	de
Macquarie City Campus			
B Business Administration	3F/EqP	83.15	300810
B Commerce - Professional Accounting	3F/EqP	nc	300815
International College of Management, Sydney			
B Business Administration in Event Management	3F	U + C	300900
B Business Administration in Hospitality Management	3F	U + C	300920
B Business Administration in International Tourism	3F	U + C	300930
B Business Administration in Property Services Management	3F	U + C	300940
B Business Administration in Retail Services Management	3F	U + C	300950
B Business Administration in Sport Management	3F	U + C	300960

F = Full-time, EqP = Equivalent Part-time, D = Distance, N/A = CSP 2009 cutoff not applicable, nc = New course, de = Direct Entry, U + C = UAI and other selection criteria, * = Currently available to ATSI students only

Getting to Macquarie University

Railway

The Macquarie University Railway Station is part of the rail link between the Northern line at Epping and the North Shore line at Chatswood. Currently a 15-minute train service runs in each direction providing direct rail access to Macquarie University. From 11 October the rail link will be fully integrated into the City Rail network so you can catch the train direct from Central or Hornsby stations.

For the latest information on the Macquarie University rail link, visit: www.cityrail.info

Bus

Bus stops are located along Macquarie Drive and University Avenue (please see campus map). Bus services to and from Macquarie University are provided by the State Transit Authority and private bus companies.

The Transport Infoline website (www.131500.info) provides a trip planner which will work out the best way (bus, rail and ferry) to get from your current location to your destination. Alternatively you can call

the Infoline (131 500) or the private transport operators directly to speak to someone who can help you plan your trip.

The following bus services pick up and set down within the university grounds. Alternatively there are many bus services that set down at Macquarie Shopping Centre which is located across the road from Macquarie University.

Route	Bus No	Operator
Manly, Mosman, Macquarie University, Epping	140	Sydney Buses
Epping, Marsfield, Macquarie University, North Ryde, Lane Cove, Town Hall	288	Sydney Buses
Epping, Marsfield, Macquarie University, Town Hall via St Leonards	290	Sydney Buses
Marsfield, Macquarie University, Lane Cove, Town Hall	292	Sydney Buses
Macquarie University, Lane Cove, Town Hall	294	Sydney Buses
North Epping, Marsfield, Macquarie University	295	Sydney Buses
Epping, Macquarie University	296	Sydney Buses
Macquarie University, Ryde, Rhodes, Concord	459	Sydney Buses
North Ryde, Drummoyn, Town Hall, Circular Quay	506	Sydney Buses
Macquarie University, Putney, Circular Quay	507	Sydney Buses
Macquarie University, Ryde, Gladesville, Circular Quay	518	Sydney Buses
Auburn, Silverwater, Marsfield, Macquarie University	544	Sydney Buses
Parramatta Station, Eastwood, Macquarie University, Chatswood	545	Sydney Buses
Parramatta, Dundas, Eastwood, Macquarie University, Chatswood	550	Sydney Buses
Macquarie University, Kingswood via M2	750	Busways
Chatswood via West Lindfield, Lindfield, Kuring-gai	565	Shorelink
Macquarie University to Hornsby, via South Turramurra, Turramurra, Wahroonga East and Waitara	575	Shorelink
Blacktown via Epping Station & M2	611	Hillsbus
Blacktown via Carlingford, North Rocks, Baulkham Hills & Seven Hills	630	Hillsbus
Castle Hill via Cheltenham, Beecroft, & West Pennant Hills, Hills Valley	651	Hillsbus
Mona Vale, Terrey Hills, St Ives, Gordon, Macquarie University	197	Forest Coach Lines

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Why consider Macquarie University?

- Macquarie University has one of the highest retention rates of any university in Australia.
(Source: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations)
- Our graduates have amongst the highest starting salaries in the country.
- Dedicated mentor and transition programs have been established to ensure our students have the best opportunity to adjust to university life and be successful in their studies.
- Our curriculum has been developed to provide students with not only a specialised degree, but also breadth of learning opportunities which will provide graduates with widely developed skills and education experiences.
- Macquarie is currently ranked 9th in Australia as one of the country's leading research universities.
- We are renowned for the flexibility of our degree structure allowing students to adjust their studies as their interests develop or easily change degree programs internally.
- Macquarie has state-of-the-art facilities including new science laboratories and sport and aquatic centre. A world-class library will be completed in 2010.
- Over \$2 million is committed to the University's scholarship scheme, including merit scholarships and a range of equity scholarships.
- The University has the largest, and one of the most financially generous, student exchange programs in Australia with over 300 exchange partners in 43 countries world-wide.

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