YOUR FUTURE STARTS NOW
We understand that taking the leap from high school to university can be daunting. To make the process a little less scary we’ve created an Open Day Kit to help you survive Open Day season.

Your kit contains all the essential tools including a planner with key dates to remember, a notebook with checklists to help you get the most out of your university Open Day visits and a guide for your parents.
TIPS TO TACKLING OPEN DAY SEASON

University Open Days are a fun way to gain a taste of university life, find out more information and narrow down your options. We’ve listed some pointers below to help you prepare for your Open Day visits. The following pages contain handy checklists to make sure you gather all the information you need at each visit.

Explore your options
Make a shortlist of the universities and study areas you’re most interested in.

Visit each university’s website
Check the website of your shortlisted universities for degrees and courses offered, as well as their Open Day date and time.

Take a campus tour
Most universities will offer campus tours on Open Day, so make sure you book in or check what times they are on.

Familiarise yourself with the university’s campus and scope out facilities available, such as those specific to your course. This will also give you the opportunity to chat to current students about university life and the different social and sporting clubs available.

Ask questions!
This is arguably the most important tip we will give you. Take advantage of those around you such as lecturers, tutors and current students and ask questions especially if there is anything you need clarified about a certain degree or course.

Handy websites

**Australian University Open Days**
hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/open-days

**University and TAFE Search**
hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/institution/search

**Scholarships and Financial Assistance**
studyassist.gov.au

**My Future**
myfuture.edu.au

**Planning Beyond High School**
bond.edu.au/your-future
As a parent and guardian, you play an important role in your child's future university experience. This may include helping your son or daughter choose what and where to study, supporting them with funds, or simply offering your advice and support as they make this next big step.

As university Open Day season approaches, we've put together a list of things to look out for during your child's Open Day visit.

**Facilities**
- Look out for the types of learning facilities offered to enhance your child's learning and real-world experience.
- What kind of sporting and recreational facilities does the university offer?

**Degrees and Courses**
- How long will your child be studying?
- What are the entry requirements?
- What is the application process and deadline?
- What pathway opportunities are available for your child's chosen degree?

**Learning and Support**
- Will your child have access to his / her professors and tutors outside of class hours?
- Does the university offer student learning support services such as workshops or tutoring?
- What university networks and community involvement will your child be able to take advantage of?

**Graduate Opportunities**
- What are the graduate outcomes for your child's chosen degree?
- What kind of career advice and planning support does the university offer, even after they graduate?
- What kind of work experience opportunities are available?
- What kind of international opportunities does the university offer (such as student exchange or volunteering)?

**Fees**
- What kind of grants and scholarship opportunities does the university offer?
- Will your child be able to access a government loan such as HECS or Fee-HELP to fund their degree?

**Parking and Accommodation**
- Is parking available on campus? What are the associated parking fees?
- If the university is far away from the family home, what are the accommodation options available for your child?
Facilities
- Specific learning facilities for your chosen study area
- Library facilities
- Computer labs and study areas
- Sporting and recreational facilities
- Dining options for students

Degrees and Courses
- Degrees in your chosen study area
- Combined study options

How long will you be studying? …………

Applications and Entry Requirements
- Application process
- Entry requirements and prerequisites for your degree

Learning and Support
- Student support services
- Access to professors and tutors outside teaching hours
- Hands on learning programs such as work experience and internship opportunities
- Study abroad program
- Grants and scholarships

Accessibility
- Public transport access
- Parking available on campus

Accommodation
- If you live far away you may want to check out the accommodation options available for students

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Important contacts
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