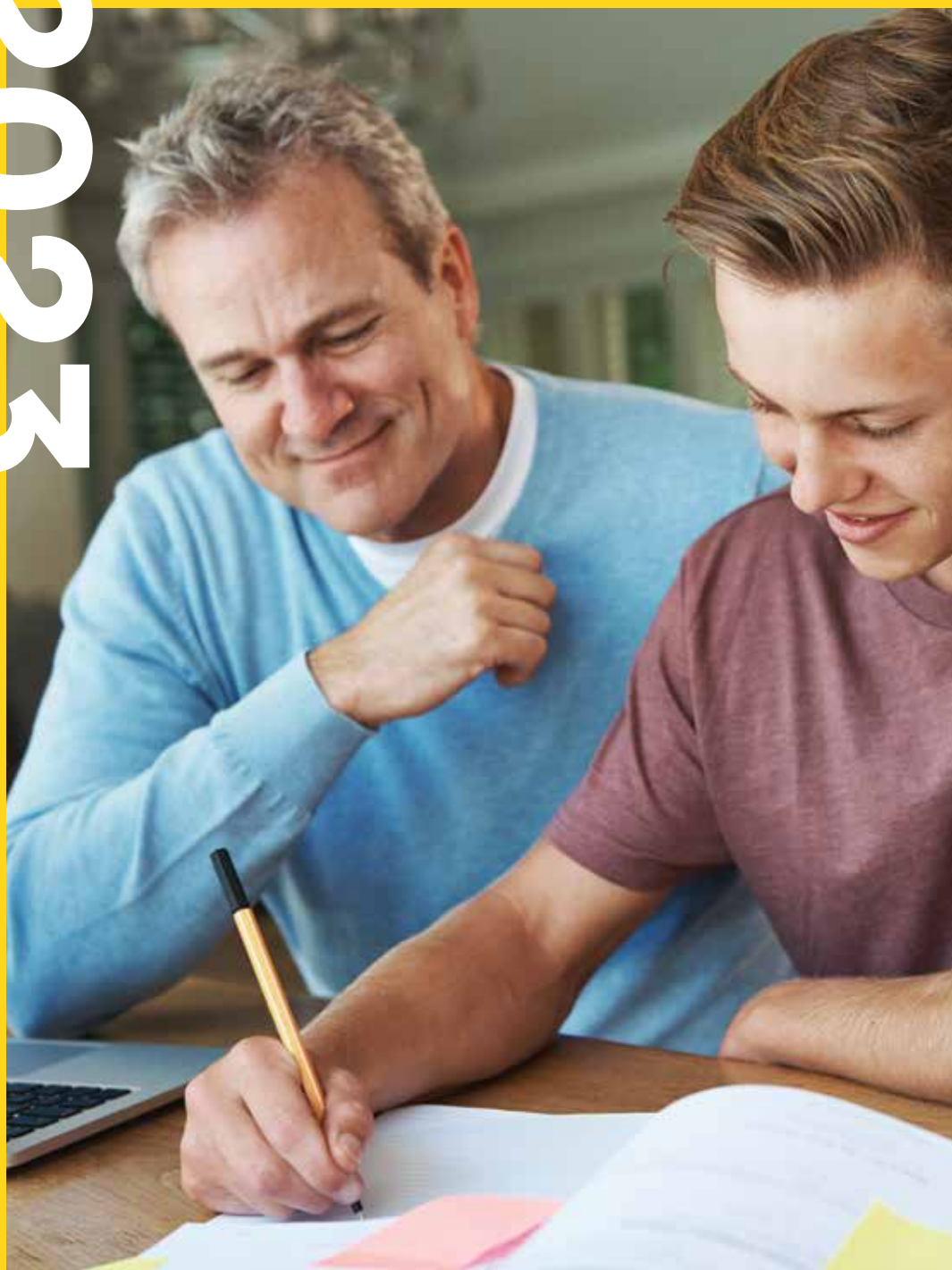


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## Welcome

In an era of disruption and remarkable technological change, Flinders University is fearlessly growing its reputation as a world leader in research, an innovator in contemporary education and a source of enterprising graduates equipped to change the world.

At Flinders, your child will be supported and empowered. They will study with amazing, world-class teachers alongside like-minded students. They will have access to state-of-the-art facilities, be plugged into industry trends and take part in professional placement opportunities that will see them graduate career ready, with the skills and knowledge to take on the world.

Your child will have a voice, their opinions will be respected, and their success will always be paramount. Welcome to Flinders University.

## Why Flinders?

### Join a world class university.

Flinders is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world.

(THE World University Rankings 2022 as a percentage of the total number of universities in the world according to the International Association of Universities)

### Study with the best.

South Australia's No. 1 university for learner engagement, skills development, student support and starting salary.

(The Good Universities Guide 2022 (undergraduate), public SA-founded universities only)

### Graduate career ready.

Flinders courses are renowned for being work-oriented, providing graduates with the skills they will need for their career.

### Live on campus.

We are the only South Australian University that offers on-campus accommodation, with easy access to a vibrant student culture featuring student associations, clubs, organised trips, events and international student support.

Find out more about why Flinders is the right choice for your child.



Flinders University acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands on which its campuses are located, these are the Traditional Lands of the Arrernte, Dagoman, First Nations of the South East, First Peoples of the River Murray & Mallee region, Jawoyn, Kurna, Larrakia, Ngadjuri, Ngarrindjeri, Ramindjeri, Warumungu, Wardaman and Yolngu people. We honour their Elders past, present and emerging.

## Making the move from high school to university

University is a lot different from high school, with a strong focus on independent learning, time management and personal responsibility.

As a parent, you may have been heavily involved with your child's secondary schooling. You probably went to parent/teacher meetings, you may have received newsletters or had various updates on your child's progress available through a school portal. At university, things are a bit different.

Students at Flinders are treated as adults, and are entirely responsible for managing their time, picking their topics and staying on top of assessments.

It can be a big jump for some students, but don't worry. We have a strong support structure in place to help them succeed.

To help with their transition here's a list of some of the basic differences.

### High School

#### Attendance

Timetables are fixed and students are required to attend all classes during school hours.

#### Class hours

Contact hours are usually around 30 hours per week.

#### Learning

Most learning is done within a classroom setting and heavily theory based.

#### Class sizes

Class sizes are normally limited to 30 students or less.

#### Deadlines

Teachers can be lenient with due dates and are usually happy to provide extensions for assignments.

#### Teachers vs Lecturers

Teachers will usually approach students if they need assistance or support.

#### Referencing

Students are not required to reference their written work.

#### Contact with parents

Parents and guardians play an important role in students' schooling life. They are in contact with teachers regularly to help guide students in the right direction.

#### Subject selections

Studies are more structured, and students are required to study a wider range of subjects.

## Book a personalised campus tour with your child during the school holidays.



### University

Students have more flexibility and can manage their own timetable. While a lot can be done online, attendance on campus is strongly encouraged for the best learning and academic results.

Contact hours can range from 8-25 hours per week depending on the choice of course, all other work is done independently.

A wide range of study options depending on the degree chosen. Most learning can be done online and outside of the classroom; however, some degrees also integrate more hands-on practical learning.

Lectures can hold up to 300 students and tutorials/ workshops can hold 15-30 students.

Extension can be requested, however supporting documentation will be required within three days of the original due date for special consideration.

Lecturers are usually willing to help if required, however students need to initiate contact with them to receive support.

Referencing is required in all assignments or written work. All written tasks should be in the students' own words as copying someone else's original work is classed as plagiarism.

University staff, both administrative and teaching, cannot talk to parents (or anyone else) about student information unless the appropriate consent has been provided.

Studies are more tailored, and students can specialise in a degree that interests them.

## How can you help?

It doesn't matter if you attended university or not, your broader knowledge and experience is important.

As students approach their university years, you can help them by:

- encouraging the discussion of career options
- assuring them that it is okay to be undecided and that there are a variety of pathways to higher education and employment
- helping your child understand their options and assisting them in carefully choosing their Year 10, 11 and 12 subjects to ensure they meet the prerequisites for their desired course
- making sure your child knows how to access various support systems including support here at Flinders
- encouraging work/life balance by ensuring they use their first semester to focus on managing their workload effectively
- supporting and congratulating them for having started this journey.

### Pathways to uni

As a parent, you can help your child understand that there are many pathways to university study, including options through TAFE/ VET, Foundation Studies, pathway degrees and adult entry schemes as well as direct entry from school.

Explore our pathways at [flinders.edu.au/pathways](https://flinders.edu.au/pathways)

### Prerequisites and assumed knowledge

In Years 10 and 11 students will need to decide which subjects they want to study in Year 12 to make sure they're prepared for university. Some degrees require students to complete specific Year 12 subjects (prerequisites) or have a certain level of understanding of a subject (assumed knowledge).

You'll find details for each degree via [flinders.edu.au/study](https://flinders.edu.au/study)

### Prerequisites

Prerequisites are subjects (or the equivalents) that are compulsory for students to have completed before they start their university course. However, if they have not studied the prerequisite subject in Year 12, there are options to complete bridging courses once finishing school.

Contact Ask Flinders to discuss these options.  
[askflinders@flinders.edu.au](mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au)

### Assumed knowledge

Some degrees will list a Year 12 subject as 'assumed knowledge'. This means that the content in the course will be at a level that assumes they have attained Year 12 knowledge. While it is not compulsory to have done this Year 12 subject, it will be assumed that the student understands all the principles and theories.



"I do not want anything to hold me back. I've let things in the past as a young kid, you know, being self-conscious and stuff. But I refuse to do that anymore."

### Lucia Franks

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)

Find out how Lucia Franks challenged herself and found her place at Flinders



## Preparing Year 10 & 11 students

### Time to plan ahead

During Years 10 and 11, the future begins to feel much closer, and students need to start considering the sort of careers that appeal to them. It is important to help students identify their favourite subjects in Year 10, based on their strengths and interests, as this will help them make informed subject choices in Years 11 and 12.

Year 11 is the first stage of gaining their SACE, so understanding what they might want to study at university and being aware of the pathways to that study is necessary when making subject decisions. Year 11 is also the time to lock in good study habits and routines for Year 12 and beyond. At Flinders, we have many services designed to help your child explore course, career, and pathway options. This includes supporting them with the Personal Learning Plan (PLP) component of their SACE.

We also provide Year 10 and 11 students with a series of information sessions, usually in their school environment. These sessions are designed to complement the curriculum and personal development goals of schooling and to help them plan for their academic future.

### Information sessions tailored to Year 10's

#### Year 10 presentation

Designed to introduce students to different career opportunities, this session explores key employment trends and how these fit in with courses offered by Flinders. The presentation can also cover resume writing and cover letters, with a focus on what Year 10 students can do now to improve their employability.

#### River Journey

##### Year 10 - Yathunthi/Growing

Aligning with the PLP curriculum, this session explores jobs of the future, emerging work industries, and resources to research information related to jobs and competencies. Employable skills in demand are highlighted to help students prepare for changing workforce needs. River Journey workshop names are gifted by the Kurna People.

#### Year 11 subject choices

During this presentation, students are introduced to university pathways and related careers. The session covers entry pathways, prerequisites and assumed knowledge for university courses that could influence their subject choices at school. We also provide useful online tools to help explore long-term career goals and contingencies.

## Information sessions tailored to Year 11's

### Year 11 presentation

This session is designed to introduce students to university study, what it looks like, and how it varies from school. We discuss what a standard day/week/year looks like in the life of a uni student and how it can be flexible around other commitments such as work and sport. It also explores how students can begin preparing themselves for the transition. Students are introduced to Flinders University study options which can be linked to their personal attributes.

#### River Journey

##### Year 11 - Taingiwiltarnithi/Becoming Strong

Supports students to expand their understanding of career pathways requiring differing modes of education and training and highlights skills for success including study tips, motivation, time management and self-care. River Journey workshop names are gifted by the Kurna People.

#### Drop in sessions

Flinders staff are available to attend schools to engage in one-on-one conversations with students. The session might cover personal decision-making, entry pathways, prerequisites, assumed knowledge and life as a university student.

#### Research Project start-up session

Flinders run Research Project 'start-up' sessions at schools or on campus using the Flinders Central Library. Sessions run through key stages of the Research Project and introduce students to Flinders resources freely available to them including contacting academic 'experts' (where available), plus setting up a Library borrowing account providing access to over a million hard-copy resources plus databases accessing over 350,000+ electronic resources.

### We also offer...

#### Parent session

Usually held after hours at secondary schools, this session gives you the chance to better understand the pathways to university. We also provide insights into the expectations of employers and the importance of having a positive online presence.

#### Campus visits and other experiences

Schools can organise interactive campus visits or other experiences. These help students become familiar with the university through exposure to university students, lectures, workshops, and campus facilities.



## Year 12 students

### A year of consolidation

For most students, Year 12 is all about making the most of their SACE - maximising their academic performance and developing the personal capabilities that will underpin their future success.

Year 12 brings with it a lot of pressure, but fortunately the various pathways to Flinders provide an excellent alternative if any student does not attain the results they were hoping for. We also provide Year 12 students with focussed information sessions held in their school environment. These sessions are designed to help your student plan for their academic future.

### Year 12 information sessions

#### School presentations

These sessions help students understand the transition from Year 12 to university. They look at the capabilities and processes required to successfully seek entry and step into university.

#### Drop in sessions

Flinders staff are available to attend schools to engage in one-on-one conversations. These sessions discuss decision-making, entry pathways, prerequisites, assumed knowledge and life as a uni student. We also provide access to useful online tools that can help in making long-term career decisions.

#### Appointment/campus tour

You can make an appointment to come to Flinders and speak with us. We can provide you and your child with tailored advice and a tour of the campus.

#### Parent session

This session is held at the school and highlights the various university pathways and other options that are available. We also provide insights into the expectations of employers and the importance of managing a professional and positive online presence.

## Other useful information

### SACE Stage 2

Important SACE Stage 2 information with links to higher education pathways.

[sace.sa.edu.au/studying](http://sace.sa.edu.au/studying)

### Flinders University library access

Flinders University allows Year 12 students to use our library services and resources to help support their studies. Simply register with the library as part of our Year 12 and SACE Project Program.

[flinders.edu.au/library](http://flinders.edu.au/library)

### uniTEST

uniTEST gives Year 12s the opportunity to enhance their chances of getting into their preferred degree at Flinders. We will select students based on Year 12 results (60% weighting toward the ATAR selection rank) and uniTEST performance (40%). If they take the test and do not perform as they had hoped, we will only consider their ATAR.

[flinders.edu.au/unitest](http://flinders.edu.au/unitest)

### Extension Studies

Extension Studies is open to Year 12 students from all schools in SA and allows students to enrol into a first-year university subject while completing their Year 12. The program is designed to suit high-achieving students with the maturity to adjust to a university learning environment.

[flinders.edu.au/extension](http://flinders.edu.au/extension)

## Applying for university

Once a student has chosen a career path they are interested in, the next step is to apply.

### How can your child qualify for university?

- Complete Year 12: South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE), International Baccalaureate (IB), or interstate/overseas equivalent.
- Have the appropriate combination of Tertiary Admissions Subjects (TAS).

To make sure the correct combination of subjects is completed, please check the SATAC website: [satac.edu.au](http://satac.edu.au)

Some courses may have prerequisite subjects or require assumed knowledge (see page 4). Some may require tests or auditions, or a portfolio of work. You'll find details about what is needed and when for each degree at [flinders.edu.au/study](http://flinders.edu.au/study), in Flinders publications or the SATAC University Guide.

### How can they apply for university?

All students – both Australian and International – studying Year 12 in Australia must apply online through SATAC at [satac.edu.au](http://satac.edu.au).

SATAC applications open in early August and should be submitted before the end of September to avoid late fees. If an application is lodged after this date, but by the December deadline, equal consideration is given provided the late fee is paid. For more details on application dates, please refer to the SATAC Guide or website.

### How should they order their preferences?

Check they are eligible for the courses they list:

- Do they have the prerequisite subjects or assumed knowledge, if required?
- Will they meet any other selection requirements?

Up to six preferences can be chosen in the SATAC Uni system and applications can be amended up until mid-December. They should list these in the order in which they would like to study them, with the one they would like most listed first. If they cannot be offered a place in their first preference; they will then be considered for their second preference and so on.

### Consider a backup plan

Ensure your child includes our recommended pathway courses in their preferences. Get them to call us when they receive their results, and we will offer them personalised advice to maximise their chances of receiving an offer to their first preference in an alternative pathway. Call 1300 354 633.

### How will they be selected?

In most instances, the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available. Eligible applicants must therefore be ranked in order of merit. The university will fill the places with the highest qualified applicants.

Their chances of being selected into a degree may depend upon:

- the number of places available.
- how many other eligible applicants there are.
- how competitive their Selection Rank (or other method of entry) and other criteria (if relevant) are in relation to the other eligible applicants.
- their eligibility for guaranteed entry.
- their performance in Flinders uniTEST.



# Applying for university

## What is a Guaranteed Entry Selection rank?

Students who achieve a Selection Rank equal to or above the published Guaranteed Entry Selection Rank and meet any course pre-requisites, will be guaranteed a place at Flinders. All they need to do is ensure they have listed Flinders courses first in their preferences and they will be offered a place in the highest Flinders course preference for which they are eligible. A list of Guaranteed Entry Selection Ranks can be found at: [flinders.edu.au/selectionranks](https://flinders.edu.au/selectionranks)

## How do they calculate their adjusted selection rank?

Points are added to their university aggregate, not their ATAR. Once they have received their results, get them to contact Flinders for their adjusted selection rank.

## How will they find out if they have been offered a place at Flinders?

The main offer round is in late December, shortly after the release of year 12 results. They can check their offer online on the SATAC website. Offers are also emailed via SATAC and printed in The Advertiser. They must respond to their offer and follow any instructions detailed in their offer email.

Remember, there are numerous offer rounds so if they do not receive their first preference, get them to speak to us about their options.

## Can they defer their place at Flinders?

It is possible for students to defer their place in most Flinders courses. This means their place will be kept for them to begin studying the following year. They simply just activate their Flinders account by following the link on their offer letter, defer their offer and we will be in contact with what to do next.

**Check to see if their preferred course is deferrable, and see further instructions at [flinders.edu.au/defer](https://flinders.edu.au/defer)**

## What if they don't like the degree they've started?

If students start studying a degree at Flinders and decide that it is not for them, they can:

## Apply to transfer to another Flinders degree via internal transfer.

In March and April Flinders will offer drop-in advice sessions on changing course.

**Find out more at [flinders.edu.au/internaltransfer](https://flinders.edu.au/internaltransfer)**

## Withdraw from the topics that they are enrolled in.

However, to withdraw without incurring fees, they must withdraw before census date, the last day to withdraw without incurring student contribution amounts, tuition fees or student services and amenities fees.

**Find out more at [flinders.edu.au/withdraw](https://flinders.edu.au/withdraw)**

If you would like further advice about various courses, such as part-time study options, see the relevant Course Advice details page for contact details.

**[flinders.edu.au/courseadvice](https://flinders.edu.au/courseadvice)**



# Fees and finance

## Frequently asked questions for Commonwealth supported students.

### What does commonwealth supported mean?

“Commonwealth supported” means the cost of study is shared between the Australian Government and the student. Students pay a student contribution amount, and the government pays the balance of their course costs.

### Is your child eligible for Commonwealth support?

Commonwealth supported places are only available to domestic students i.e., Australian citizen, permanent humanitarian visa holders, permanent residents, and New Zealand citizens. At Flinders all our undergraduate programs for domestic students are commonwealth supported.

### What is HECS-HELP, and will my child be eligible for it?

HECS-HELP is a loan program established to help Commonwealth supported students pay their student contribution amounts. Only Australian citizens or permanent humanitarian visa holders are eligible for HECS-HELP.

### How can your child apply for a HECS-HELP loan?

All Commonwealth supported students must complete a Commonwealth Assistance Form (CAF) before enrolling. This form will be available during the online enrolment process. If your child is eligible and wishes to apply for a HECS-HELP loan, they must supply their Tax File Number (TFN) when they complete their CAF.

### When do students start repaying their HELP loan?

They do not have to start repaying their HELP debt until their income is above the minimum threshold, which is approximately \$47,000 in the 2021-2022 tax year.

**Find out more at [ato.gov.au](https://ato.gov.au)**

### What is the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF)?

SSAF is used to fund non-academic student services and amenities, e.g., food and beverage services, advocacy and welfare services, student clubs, etc. Fees are charged in proportion to enrolment and will be capped at a maximum rate in any calendar year.

**To check the fees charged, visit: [flinders.edu.au/ssaf](https://flinders.edu.au/ssaf)**

### Can students defer payment of their SSAF?

Australian citizens or permanent humanitarian visa holders may obtain a SA-Help loan from the Australian Government to defer payment of the SSAF.

## How do students apply for the SA-HELP loan?

Australian citizens or permanent humanitarian visa holders can apply for a SA-HELP loan via Flinders University's Student System during the enrolment process. To defer their SSAF they must submit a request for SA-HELP assistance form in addition to any other HELP form they may have submitted.

## Scholarships at Flinders University

With over 450 scholarships worth \$2.4M in total and ranging from \$1,000 - \$20,000, Flinders can help you make the most of your child's university experience. Flinders provides scholarships to students from low socioeconomic backgrounds, students from rural and regional areas and Indigenous students.

**Find out more at [flinders.edu.au/scholarships/](https://flinders.edu.au/scholarships/)**

## Financial advocacy

Once students are at uni, they can speak to a financial advocacy officer in the Flinders University Student Association (FUSA) to get help and advice with all things financial like budgeting, grant information, service referral, eligibility for government assistance etc. **[fusa.edu.au/financial-advocacy/](https://fusa.edu.au/financial-advocacy/)**



“I have received so much support and guidance from staff at Flinders and I feel very lucky and proud to be part of this university.”

### Emily Runzi

Master of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management

**Find out how Work Integrated Learning helped Emily get career-ready**





# Careers and Employability Services

**According to the Foundation for Young Australians (2020), school leavers today are expected to have a portfolio career, averaging 18 jobs across 6 careers.**

Flinders Careers and Employability Service can help give students the edge as they begin their career journeys. The Service provides a diverse range of programs and resources, including professional development and mentoring, access to employers, events, and tailored careers advice.

Some of the ways parents can also support students is by encouraging development of their professional skills through:

- casual employment
- degree-related work experiences (short and long-term)
- self-directed learning
- linking to industry professional mentors
- attending industry events
- volunteering.

The Careers and Employability Service supports students to do this by connecting them to a range of these types of experiences and opportunities, both during their studies and for 18 months after graduation.

**Find out more at: [flinders.edu.au/careers](https://flinders.edu.au/careers)**

## Useful careers resources

### My future

My Future will help your child to develop self-knowledge, explore course, and career options.

**[myfuture.edu.au](https://myfuture.edu.au)**

### Labour Market Insights

Covering all industries and occupations, this careers and labour market research site helps students to choose future careers.

**[labourmarketsinsights.gov.au](https://labourmarketsinsights.gov.au)**

### Australian Jobs 2021

This online publication provides national, state and industry overviews of employment conditions and prospects.

**[nationalskillscommission.gov.au/publications/australian-jobs-2021](https://nationalskillscommission.gov.au/publications/australian-jobs-2021)**

# Key events and dates

**Each year Flinders offers a range of opportunities for school students to learn more about uni life and develop their learning plan in relation to career outcomes.**

**Visit our website or contact us for more information [flinders.edu.au](https://flinders.edu.au)**

## Annual career events

- Adelaide Careers and Employment Expo
- Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo

## Flinders University annual open days

Our Open Days are held in August each year and are a great way for your child to get a taste of Flinders with more than 250 interactive activities, demonstrations, campus tours and information sessions over two big days.

## SATAC dates

SATAC offer rounds begin in late December after the release of Year 12 results and continue into the new year allowing for both Semester 1 and Semester 2 entry. Specific dates and further details can be found at the SATAC website. [satac.edu.au](https://satac.edu.au)

## O'Week

Orientation Week is held the week before classes in Semester 1, and the first week of classes in Semester 2. This is a week of festivities on campus to engage and welcome new students to Flinders. It's a fun and exciting time on campus with activities ranging from free food, entertainment, and live music to stalls representing different student organisations. It's a terrific opportunity for new students to build networks and friendships on campus.

Flinders Living also runs an orientation program parallel to O'Week to ensure new residents make new friends and feel comfortable in their new homes at University Hall or the Deirdre Jordan Village.

# Services and support

## Flinders Connect

Flinders Connect is the first point of call for all student services, including any questions you might have about enrolment, fees, and scholarships.

**[flinders.edu.au/flindersconnect](https://flinders.edu.au/flindersconnect)**

## Central Library

The Central Library is open 7 days a week during the academic year and includes 24/7 study zones.

**[flinders.edu.au/library](https://flinders.edu.au/library)**

## Health, Counselling and Disability Services

Flinders provides confidential and professional health, counselling, and disability services to all currently enrolled students. We can also assist students with equal opportunity concerns. The Health Service is a fully equipped medical centre located at Bedford Park campus. It provides emergency and routine medical care and is staffed by both male and female medical practitioners. All consultations are confidential and there is also a free counselling service.

**[flinders.edu.au/hcd](https://flinders.edu.au/hcd)**

## Academic support

The Student Learning Centre provides programs and services that can help your child to become an independent and effective learner, achieving their academic goals and developing the skills for life-long learning.

**[flinders.edu.au/slc](https://flinders.edu.au/slc)**

## Accommodation

Flinders is the only university in Adelaide that offers your child the opportunity to live on campus. Flinders Living offers accommodation for over 550 students at the University Hall and Deirdre Jordan Village.

**[flinders.edu.au/living](https://flinders.edu.au/living)**

## Sport and fitness

If your child loves their sport, the Bedford Park campus includes a state-of-the-art sport and fitness centre where they can work out while taking in the best views of any gym in Adelaide. Flinders also has courts and ovals for a variety of sports and a wide range of sporting teams, clubs, and events that they can get involved with.

**[onesportandfitness.com.au](https://onesportandfitness.com.au)**

## Elite athlete support

At Flinders, we are committed to supporting Australia's elite athletes to achieve academic excellence while also pursuing a sporting career and we appreciate how difficult it is to combine elite and high-performance ambitions with an academic workload. If a student is competing at the highest level in the state or above, they are considered eligible to apply and benefit from the flexible study approach that we have to offer.

**[flinders.edu.au/eliteathlete](https://flinders.edu.au/eliteathlete)**

## Careers and Employability Service

The Careers and Employability Service can help give your child the edge in their career. It provides a range of programs and resources, including professional development and mentoring, access to employers, events, and tailored careers advice.

**[flinders.edu.au/careers](https://flinders.edu.au/careers)**

## FUSA

The Flinders University Student Association represents students' rights and interests and is responsible for organising the social events on-campus, and the occasional off campus shenanigan.

**[fusa.edu.au](https://fusa.edu.au)**

## Technology and spaces

A variety of 24/7 spaces and resources for students are available in the Hub, Library and in the Flinders Connect area.

## Food and retail

Flinders offers a wide range of food, beverage and retail outlets around the Hub and Plaza, including a fully functional student kitchen which is open 24/7.

## **Contact us**

**Our friendly staff are available to answer your questions:**

**1300 354 633 (local call cost) | [askfinders@flinders.edu.au](mailto:askfinders@flinders.edu.au) | [flinders.edu.au/ask](https://flinders.edu.au/ask)**

**International students should contact:**

**+61 8 8201 2727 | [flinders.edu.au/international](https://flinders.edu.au/international) | [INTLAdmissions@flinders.edu.au](mailto:INTLAdmissions@flinders.edu.au)**

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