

# Live, Learn & Kick Start Your Future



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Sunshine Coast  
Australia



## WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA'S SUNSHINE COAST

Our Sunshine Coast offers local, national and international students the most compelling education and lifestyle experience – one that is unrivalled elsewhere in Australia.

Through Study Sunshine Coast, we are providing the home and learning environment to nurture global leaders of tomorrow. In our distinct location you can continue your education and experience something that is not available elsewhere – and that is the unparalleled advantage of being a part of our vision in action – as Australia's most sustainable region: healthy, smart, creative.

Our vision is real, it is happening now and your learning experiences here on our Sunshine Coast will enable you to grasp a leading edge from being part of a region with:

- > The fastest and direct data and telecommunications connectivity from the Eastern seaboard of Australia to Asia
- > Australia's only greenfield, contemporary, 21st century central business district at Maroochydore coming to life – offering a superb living, working, recreational and entertainment environment
- > Direct national and international travel connectivity from the Sunshine Coast Airport
- > Australia's newest \$1.8 billion tertiary teaching hospital including a renowned Health Institute and medical school
- > Australia's first tripartite partnership providing an innovative solution for blue carbon storage across 5,000 hectares of natural floodplain – known as our Blue Heart
- > One of the most progressive sustainability agendas from a local government in Australia to assist the region respond to and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate
- > Responsibility as a Key Delivery Partner in the staging of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Many outstanding organisations have already chosen to call the Sunshine Coast home and this region has naturally emerged as distinct and competitive hub for innovators and entrepreneurs across a range of disciplines – people who have grasped the opportunities associated with living, studying, working and collaborating in a region offering unparalleled advantages and opportunities.

Study Sunshine Coast plays an important role in reinforcing our region's reputation as a leading Australian study destination. Sunshine Coast Council is proud to have been involved from the outset, working closely with education providers, institutions and students to ensure the initiative remains relevant, exciting, informative and adds exceptional value to your learning experience.

Our Sunshine Coast has become a place where students from around the world come to study, collaborate and connect. Our region is also home to some of Queensland's highest performing schools, two nationally awarded universities, highly regarded English language colleges and more than 400 registered training organisations.

Our future on the Sunshine Coast is bright, fulfilling and purposeful. Studying on the Sunshine Coast is an opportunity to ensure your future has similar prospects.



**MAYOR MARK JAMIESON**



## MINISTER'S WELCOME

As the Minister responsible for International Education and Training in Queensland, I am pleased to support Study Sunshine Coast in its ongoing work to showcase the Sunshine Coast as a celebrated education and training destination.

Now more than ever, Study Sunshine Coast plays a critical role in destination promotion, delivering initiatives to enhance the student experience, and fostering collaboration between the education, training and tourism sectors and the local innovation ecosystem. As Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport, I strongly support and encourage collaboration between these related sectors to promote the region.

The Sunshine Coast region is one of Queensland's most desirable locations, offering students a naturally inspiring environment to live, learn and kickstart their future. It boasts top-ranking universities and more than 80 public and private schools, vocational education and training, and English-language providers, offering students outstanding study options and exciting career opportunities.

The region has a unique entrepreneurial ecosystem, including educational programs, business incubators, co-working spaces, advocacy events and meetups, which actively support and encourage innovation, new ideas and start-ups.

Further strengthening this are a number of world-class training facilities such as the Sunshine Coast Health Institute, the USC High Performance Sports Academy and Sunshine Coast University Hospital. All are expected to flourish with the news that the Sunshine Coast will be one of the host regions for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

With a progressive local government focused on economic growth, the delivery of game-changing projects (including the Sunshine Coast international airport expansion, international broadband submarine cable and the new Maroochydore central business district), I believe the future is bright for the region. I urge you to get involved.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stirling".

**STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP**

Minister for Tourism Industry Development  
and Innovation and Minister for Sport

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**Learn more about studying on the Sunshine Coast.**



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# Welcome to Australia's Sunshine Coast

With a great range of study and career opportunities, an entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystem, a thriving job market, endless coastline and hinterland, a welcoming community, the Sunshine Coast is a place where you will feel safe and happy from the moment you arrive. The Sunshine Coast is home to an amazing and unforgettable study experience.

Situated in one of the fastest growing areas of Australia, the Sunshine Coast is an exciting and progressive region for students to live, learn and kick start their future. With today's population of around 330,000 people, the area is forecast to grow to 500,000 by 2032.

The Sunshine Coast has an end-to-end education solution for every need. The Sunshine Coast welcomes local, national and international students to experience the diverse range of education and training options and move easily between various levels of study and institutions. Over 80 private, Catholic and government schools allow the Sunshine Coast to engage and nurture your educational journey from school through to lifelong learning. The nationally awarded University of Sunshine Coast (USC) is one of Australia's fastest growing universities and more than 400 training organisations, including TAFE Queensland's three locations, provide you with outstanding study options and exciting career opportunities.

The Sunshine Coast is also home to amazing beaches, hiking, water sports, local produce, mountains, rainforests and world class events, from relaxation to adventure, Australia's Sunshine Coast has it all.

If you're looking for fun on, in and under the water you're sure to find it on the Sunshine Coast's 100 kilometres (just over 60 miles) of pristine sandy beaches. Swim, sail, surf, jet ski, snorkel, paddle board or water ski through clear clean water or fly across the waves on a kiteboard. Ancient volcanic peaks, peaceful rainforests, awe inspiring waterfalls and crystal clear creeks invite you to explore and recharge in a natural wonderland where camping is offered in several of the region's parks and forests.

The sunny sub-tropical climate is ideal for year-round activity with summer temperatures averaging 28 degrees C (82 degrees F) and winter



**Travelling to and around the Sunshine Coast is quick and stress-free with excellent access to national and international airports, including the Sunshine Coast International Airport, Brisbane International Airport, as well as direct access to national road and rail networks and buses.**



## TRAVEL BY AIR

Sunshine Coast International Airport, conveniently located in the centre of the region, has daily direct flights to and from Sydney and Melbourne with Jetstar, Qantas and Virgin Australia, as well as seasonal services to and from Auckland with Air New Zealand, and connections from destinations all over the world. Daily flight information can be found at:

 [sunshinecoastairport.com.au](http://sunshinecoastairport.com.au)



## TRAVEL BY BUS

Shuttle services operate to and from Sunshine Coast and Brisbane Airports with local bus services allowing you to easily, regularly and cheaply get to your place of study, work, home, the beach or wherever else you need to be. Timetables and routes for buses can be found at:

 [sunbus.com.au](http://sunbus.com.au)



## TRAVEL BY RAIL

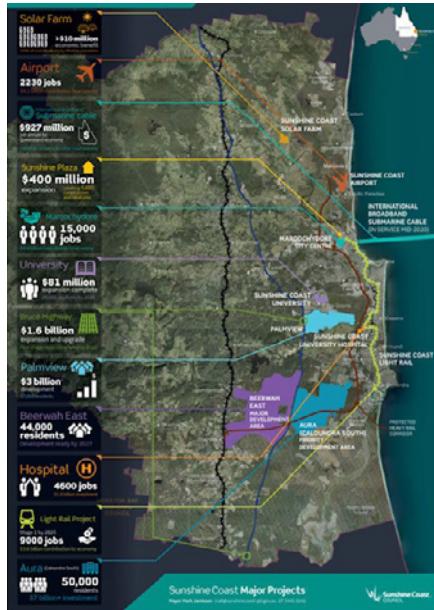
Queensland Rail operates regular rail services between the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane allowing you to explore the state's capital to attend a major event, catch a band or enjoy the city's retail and dining precincts. Information and train times are available at:

 [queenslandrail.com.au](http://queenslandrail.com.au)

# The Sunshine Coast: One of Australia's Fastest Growing Economies

Situated in one of the fastest growing areas of Australia, the Sunshine Coast is an exciting and progressive location to live, learn and kick start your future. With today's population of around 330,000, the region is forecast to grow to 500,000 by 2032.

With a progressive local government that is focused on economic growth and development, now is the time for you to consider studying here. Major infrastructure projects are underway to position the Sunshine Coast as a major centre for high value and higher paying employment in health and educational services, professional services, innovation and research. The region is also renowned for tourism, hospitality and sporting industries and the Sunshine Coast is also a partner of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games.



Learn more about the growing Sunshine Coast region:



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# A Naturally Inspiring Environment To Live, Learn & Kick Start Your Future

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## LEADING EDGE FACILITIES TO INSPIRE LEARNING TODAY AND LEADING TOMORROW

From high ranking universities, English language schools, over 80 primary and secondary schools and a huge range of vocational education and training organisations, the Sunshine Coast offers a range of excellent education options. There are also leading edge training facilities in the region such as the Sunshine Coast Health Institute and Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

## THE PLACE TO BE FULLY CONNECTED

With a reputation for innovation, entrepreneurship and venture capital, the region is a magnet for world class talent and big thinkers wishing to fully realise their vision. Educators and industry work hand-in-glove, providing excellent opportunities for you to progress your career.

## DISCOVER YOUR BEST SELF IN A NATURAL WONDERLAND

Situated only one-hour drive north from the capital city of Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast boasts a spectacular coastline, pristine beaches and beautiful hinterland, and its regional classification means you can earn additional visa points and are eligible to apply to stay on and work.

## SERIOUS ABOUT SPORTS AND EVENTS

The Sunshine Coast is a hub for the sporting industry. You have the opportunity to study exercise science, tourism or leisure and event management in leading edge facilities. Our reputation as a location with outstanding facilities, hospitality and tourism infrastructure and enviable climate has seen the Sunshine Coast host major sporting, cultural, music, arts and food events each year, providing opportunities for you to gain valuable hands on experience.

# Why Choose the Sunshine Coast to Study?

**The Sunshine Coast has an end-to-end education solution for every need.**

The Sunshine Coast welcomes local, national and international students to experience the diverse range of education and training options and move easily between various levels of study and institutions.

Over 80 private, Catholic and government schools allow the Sunshine Coast to engage and nurture your educational journey from school through to life-long learning. The nationally awarded University of Sunshine Coast (USC) is one of Australia's fastest growing universities and more than 400 training organisations, including TAFE Queensland's three locations, provide you with outstanding study options and exciting career opportunities.



**2 UNIVERSITIES**



**80+ SCHOOLS**



**400+ TRAINING FACILITIES**

<b>SCHOOLING</b>	Primary School Education Secondary School Education
<b>UNIVERSITY</b>	Bachelor Degree Graduate Certificate Graduate Diploma Masters Degree Doctoral Degree (PHD)
<b>VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET)</b>	Certificate I - IV Diploma Advanced Diploma Graduate Diploma
<b>ELICOS</b>	English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students
<b>STUDY TOURS</b>	Personalised study tours for students looking to study on the Sunshine Coast

## UNIVERSITIES

USC is based in the region and provide excellent education options. USC's approach to learning is hands on, and all programs include work experience, internships and practical industry-based projects. Plus, USC has a family of kangaroos that live on campus! USC's flagship campus is located in the heart of the Sunshine Coast and includes some of the most advanced learning and visualisation facilities in Australia, including immersive education environments, interactive learning technology and hands-on simulations.

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING (VET)

The Sunshine Coast offers a wide range of training organisations, including TAFE Queensland with its three locations, providing you with outstanding study options and exciting career opportunities.

## SCHOOLS

The Sunshine Coast welcomes international students to experience a diverse range of education and training options with over 80 private, public and independent primary and secondary schools on offer. With a range of

schooling options available; the Sunshine Coast has something to suit the needs of each individual.

## ELICOS PROVIDERS

Whether you are looking to study English as a second language or would like to learn a new trade or occupational skill, the Sunshine Coast has plenty of options to consider. UIL provides quality short & long English courses and is TEQSA registered & NEAS accredited and Lexis English has two campuses in Noosa and Maroochydore.

## STUDY TOURS

Short term study tours are available for overseas students who wish to visit the Sunshine Coast to enrich their educational and cultural experience. Study tour programs combine exciting educational, tourism and cultural exchange activities for overseas students. Contact us today to discuss your study tour requirements.

**For a full listing of education and training providers and study options in the Sunshine Coast region see our website:**

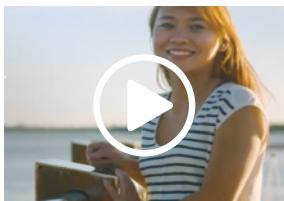
 [studysunshinecoast.com.au](http://studysunshinecoast.com.au)



# Student Life

With a great range of study and career opportunities, an entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystem, a thriving job market, endless coastline and hinterland, a welcoming community, the Sunshine Coast is a place where you will feel safe and happy from the moment you arrive. The Sunshine Coast is home to an amazing and unforgettable study experience!

**Don't take our word for it. Hear what our students have to say:**



A day in the life with  
**USC STUDENT JEDY**



A day in the life with  
**TAFE QUEENSLAND STUDENT ALAN**



A day in the life with  
**USC STUDENT NATHAN**



A day in the life with  
**USC STUDENT AJ**



A day in the life with  
**ELICOS STUDENT DANA**



**"I came to the Sunshine Coast because I knew it would be a very relaxing place to live while I finished my studies. Studying and living on the Sunshine Coast has been a fantastic experience."**

Nathan Shim from Canada, Nursing Student at USC

# REFERENCE GUIDE FOR LIFE ON THE SUNSHINE COAST

## ACCOMMODATION

### Student Accommodation

UniCentral Student Accommodation

☎ (07) 5373 0000

✉ [unicentral.net.au](http://unicentral.net.au)

Varsity Apartments

☎ (07) 5420 2000

✉ [varsityapartments.com.au](http://varsityapartments.com.au)

The Village Student Accommodation

☎ (07) 5430 2500

✉ [thevillage.net.au](http://thevillage.net.au)

### Private Rental & Flat Share

[Flatmates.com.au](http://flatmates.com.au)

✉ [flatmates.com.au](http://flatmates.com.au)

[Realestate.com.au](http://realestate.com.au)

✉ [realestate.com.au](http://realestate.com.au)

[Domain.com.au](http://domain.com.au)

✉ [domain.com.au](http://domain.com.au)

## EMPLOYMENT

### Job Searching

✉ [seek.com.au](http://seek.com.au)

✉ [career.com.au](http://career.com.au)

✉ [jobsearch.gov.au](http://jobsearch.gov.au)

✉ [jobsonthecoast.com.au](http://jobsonthecoast.com.au)

✉ [apsjobs.gov.au](http://apsjobs.gov.au)

### Fair Work Ombudsman

☎ 131 394

☎ 131 450 (interpreter)

✉ [fairwork.gov.au](http://fairwork.gov.au)

### Tax File Number Application

☎ 132 861

✉ [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au)

### Centrelink

[humanservices.gov.au](http://humanservices.gov.au)

[centrelink.gov.au](http://centrelink.gov.au)

## MONEY & BANKING

### Australian Banks

✉ [commbank.com.au](http://commbank.com.au)

✉ [anz.com.au](http://anz.com.au)

✉ [nab.com.au](http://nab.com.au)

✉ [westpac.com.au](http://westpac.com.au)

## EXCHANGE RATES

✉ [rba.gov.au](http://rba.gov.au)

## MONEY TRANSFERS

✉ [westernunion.com.au](http://westernunion.com.au)

## TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

### Taxi Services

☎ 131 008

### Public Transport

✉ [sunbus.com.au](http://sunbus.com.au)

✉ [translink.com.au](http://translink.com.au)

### Sunshine Coast Airport

✉ [sunshinecoastairport.com.au](http://sunshinecoastairport.com.au)

### LICENSE, RULES & ROAD SAFETY

✉ [tmr.qld.gov.au](http://tmr.qld.gov.au)

### Sunshine Coast Maps

✉ [google.com.au](http://google.com.au)

## OTHER SERVICES

### Foreign Embassies in Australia

☎ (02) 6261 1111

✉ [dfat.gov.au](http://dfat.gov.au)

### Overseas Students Ombudsman

☎ 1300 362 072 (within Aus)

☎ +61 2 6276 0111

### Migrations & Visas

☎ 131 881

✉ [border.gov.au](http://border.gov.au)

### Traveller's Aid

☎ (03) 9654 2600

✉ [travellersaid.org.au](http://travellersaid.org.au)

## HEALTH & FITNESS

### Student Health Cover

✉ [health.gov.au](http://health.gov.au)

### Health Insurance Comparison

✉ [iselect.com.au](http://iselect.com.au)

### Medicare

✉ [humanservices.gov.au](http://humanservices.gov.au)

### House Call Doctors

☎ 13 55 66

✉ [housecalldoctor.com.au](http://housecalldoctor.com.au)

### Lifeline Australia

☎ 131 114

✉ [lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au)

### USC Community Sporting Groups

✉ [usc.edu.au](http://usc.edu.au)

### USC Gym

✉ [usc.edu.au](http://usc.edu.au)

### My Fitness Club

✉ [myfitnessclub.com.au](http://myfitnessclub.com.au)

## ENTERTAINMENT/TOURISM

### What's On

✉ [visitsunshinecoast.com](http://visitsunshinecoast.com)

✉ [sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)

### Food & Drink

✉ [visitsunshinecoast.com](http://visitsunshinecoast.com)

### Things To Do

✉ [theurbanlist.com](http://theurbanlist.com)

✉ [queensland.com](http://queensland.com)

✉ [mysunshinecoast.com.au](http://mysunshinecoast.com.au)

✉ [scvenuesandevents.com.au](http://scvenuesandevents.com.au)

✉ [theeventscentre.com.au](http://theeventscentre.com.au)

✉ [sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)

## EMERGENCY

In an event of an emergency dial 000 and request police, fire or ambulance. This is a free call.

☎ 000

### Crime Stoppers

☎ 1800 333 000

### Maroochydore Police Station

☎ (07) 5457 2444

# Accommodation

**The beautiful Sunshine Coast has a vast range of accommodation options to suit individual needs, wants and budgets.**

Types of accommodation suited for studying on the Sunshine Coast include staying on campus, private rentals, flat sharing, home stay opportunities and group accommodation. Accommodation is conveniently located near education

facilities, transport, shopping and health providers.

Three fully furnished accommodation complexes are conveniently location next to USC. UniCentral, Varsity Apartments and The Village, are all linked by pathway to the Sippy Downs campus, which is a three minute walk. Public transport, local shopping centres and health providers are also within easy reach.

## STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

### UniCentral Housing

Enjoy spacious Sunshine Coast student accommodation offering four large lockable bedrooms with double beds, private individual bathrooms, large study areas, two wardrobes, private telephone and Internet connection at the UniCentral student housing complex.

 **(07) 5373 0000**

 [unicentral.net.au](http://unicentral.net.au)



### Varsity Apartments

Varsity Apartments can accommodate around 500 students within 5 minutes walk from the University of the Sunshine Coast. The apartments all have four private bedrooms, with a large communal kitchen and living areas. Communal living areas include a balcony or patio. Designed as a fun place to live and study, you have a lot of great facilities available.

 **(07) 5450 2000**

 [varsityapartments.com.au](http://varsityapartments.com.au)



## The Village

The Village Apartments offers a range of affordable student share accommodation suitable for singles, couples and small groups over 18 years. Modern 2-share and 3-share units are available, many with ensuite bathrooms and lock-up garages, and residential boarding houses provide a further alternative and are often sought by the more mature student.

 [\(07\) 5430 2500](tel:(07)54302500)

 [thevillage.net.au](http://thevillage.net.au)



## OTHER ACCOMMODATION

### Rental Accommodation

Many types of rental accommodation are available for students on the Sunshine Coast including houses, apartments, townhouses, villas or units which can be shared with fellow students. Don't forget to include in your budget costs for electricity, gas and water which you may need to pay in addition to your rent.

The two most popular sites where you can search for rental accommodation are:

 [realestate.com.au](http://realestate.com.au)

 [domain.com.au](http://domain.com.au)

Another option is to join a share house, these can be found on university and TAFE

Queensland community boards or you can search the following sites:

 [flatmates.com.au](http://flatmates.com.au)

 [realestate.com.au](http://realestate.com.au)

 [easyroommate.com](http://easyroommate.com)

 [sharehouses.com.au](http://sharehouses.com.au)

### Homestay Opportunities

Homestay is highly recommended for students who are learning English during their stay. Living with an Australian family gives excellent insight into local culture, places to go and see and will help you speak English on a daily basis.

 [homestaynetwork.org](http://homestaynetwork.org)



# Estimated Weekly Cost Of Living

The Sunshine Coast has always prided itself on being an affordable location for students.



**ACCOMMODATION**  
\$200 - \$300



**FOOD**  
\$100



**TRANSPORT**  
\$50



**HEALTH**  
\$100



**LEISURE**  
\$100



**UTILITIES**  
\$20

## AVERAGE TEMPERATURES



**Summer**  
(Dec - Feb)

Low 24°C  
High 28°C



**Autumn**  
(Mar - May)

Low 17°C  
High 25°C



**Winter**  
(Jun - Aug)

Low 10°C  
High 22°C



**Spring**  
(Sept - Nov)

Low 15°C  
High 25°C

## Public Transport

Sunshine Coast Council has developed The Sunshine Coast Public Transport Guide which provides you with a quick overview about PT choices here on the coast. A bus system links to all the major education providers on the coast making it easy and cost effective for you to get around.



# Sunshine Coast Education Snapshot

**With international borders set to reopen, Study Sunshine Coast is looking forward to welcoming back offshore international students from January 2022.**

Prior to 2020, the Sunshine Coast region enjoyed year on year growth in student enrolment numbers from a diverse range of source countries, so you could be studying with students from Brazil, Nepal, India, Korea, Germany, USA, China, Spain and Norway. Vietnam and Japan are emerging growth markets and overall, the Sunshine Coast, is the most diverse International Education & Training (IET) sector in Queensland.

Of the recognised study regions in Queensland, the Sunshine Coast currently attracts the third highest number of international students behind Brisbane and the Gold Coast and above Cairns and Toowoomba. The Sunshine Coast has a mix of student enrolments across different sub sectors. Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training attract the highest number of international and domestic student enrolment numbers in the region, followed by Schools and English Language Schools.

\*Data Source – International education and training Deloittes Regional Factsheets



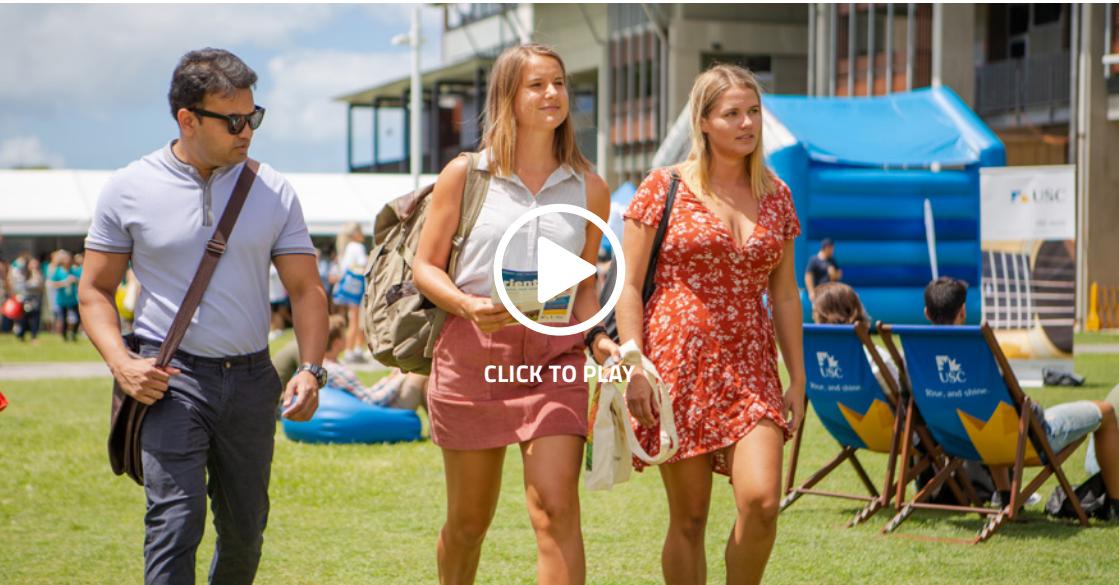
# Employment Opportunities

**The Sunshine Coast is not only a great place to study and live, it is also a great place to work and kick-start your career.**

Whether you are looking for a casual job to get you through your studies or a permanent career to put your studies into practice, the Sunshine Coast delivers outstanding career pathways and choices for all international and Australian students.

With one of the fastest growing economies, there are many career and job prospects across a wide range of industries on the Sunshine Coast as well as work experience and internship opportunities.

Casual or Part-Time employment whilst you are studying is frequently available across retail, hospitality, tourism, health, administration and other areas.



## FULL-TIME WORK

Once you have completed studying there is the opportunity to move into full time work in your chosen field.

There are career and job prospects across many industries on the Sunshine Coast to develop your career. If you have completed work experience or an internship during your studies, you will have an edge when looking to gain permanent employment.

Read more about Future Careers on the Sunshine Coast on pages 22-23.

## GRADUATE TIPS TO FIND A FULL-TIME JOB:

- > Start looking for a full-time job early. We recommend looking for jobs approximately 6 months before completion.
- > Use Registered Training Organisation's Career resources.
- > USC has a dedicated resource to help students and graduates search jobs, workshops and templates on how to write your resume, cover letters etc. The Career
- > Development team is also available to seek advice with employment related issues and any questions you have.
- > Get in touch with Course Coordinators and Heads of School to put a face to the name and ask them to keep in contact if they hear of any jobs advertised.
- > Sunshine Coast Community Board or other similar Facebook Groups also can come in handy when searching for full-time jobs.
- > Expand your networks, volunteer at events, go to workshops and seminars or attend a business networking event put on by groups like Study Sunshine Coast and the Chamber of Commerce to meet local business owners.
- > Sign-up to free Student Employability events, programs and workshops through Study Sunshine Coast to help improve your employment prospects.
- > Update your LinkedIn profile.
- > Sign-up to job recruitment sites such as Seek and Jora.



**"USC has given me some practical learning experiences that actually prepared me for my career!"**

Sara Ismar, USC Marketing graduate  
at Visit Sunshine Coast

## CASUAL & PART-TIME WORK

Casual or part-time employment on the Sunshine Coast whilst you study is a great way to earn money while meeting new people and getting to know the area, especially in industries like retail, hospitality, tourism, administration and other areas.

Grab your CV, dress in smart attire and walk into many of the businesses in Ocean Street, Maroochydore, Mooloolaba Esplanade, Cotton Tree, Buderim, Bulcock Street, Caloundra and ask if you can speak to the manager to give them your CV.

### STUDENT TIPS TO FIND A CASUAL OR PART-TIME JOB:

- > Check out job sites such as Seek and Jora for daily updates.
- > USC has a dedicated resource to help students and graduates search jobs, workshops and templates on how to write your resume, cover letters etc. The Career Development team is also available to seek advice with employment related issues and any questions students or graduates have.
- > Get in touch with Course Coordinators and Heads of School to put a face to the name and ask them to keep in contact if they hear of any jobs advertised.
- > Sunshine Coast Community Board or other similar Facebook Groups also can come in handy when searching for casual and part-time jobs.
- > Sign-up to free Student Employability events, programs and workshops through Study Sunshine Coast to help improve your employability prospects.
- > Connect with other students working part-time that may know of job opportunities.

## WORK EXPERIENCE & INTERNSHIPS

Whether it's called an internship, placement, professional practise or work experience, gaining practical experience is a great way to kick start your professional career.

Try to gain as much practical experience before graduating as it helps with developing skills, gaining confidence and understanding how the theory integrates with the practical work.

### WAYS TO FIND WORK EXPERIENCE OR INTERNSHIPS:

- > USC Work Integrated Learning & USC Career Hub.
- > Volunteering on the Sunshine Coast.
- > Ask Course Coordinators/ Teachers.
- > Look on seek.com.au, Facebook Groups etc. and ask for the manager.
- > Sign-up to the Study Queensland Launch U Trade Accelerator Program.
- > Sign-up to the Study Sunshine Coast free Student Employability Program.



## WORK INTERNSHIP: AMANDA ROGMARK



*Amanda is from Malmö, Sweden, studying a Bachelor of Health Science (Health Communication)*

**I began working as an intern for the Head of Social Media and Communication at a company called Food Matters.**

 [foodmatters.com](http://foodmatters.com)

Food Matters was started by a couple, James and Laurentine, who were looking to find a way to help heal James' sick Dad. On their journey of researching and discovery they found a lot of interesting information, but James' Dad was not interested in the books and research they sent him. This led them to create Food Matters a documentary where they interviewed doctors, scientists, nutritionists and health professionals from all over the world. They showed James' Dad the footage and he got hooked.

After a couple of months of having changed his diet and slowly getting him off his medications, even against the protests from his doctors, he was back to his former healthy self. They decided to share Food Matters with the rest of the world and it has now been seen by millions. They went on to create another documentary called Hungry For Change, launch a health and wellness version of Netflix called FMTV and of course launched the Food Matters webpage

where they share daily healthy recipes, articles, videos and quotes.

Being a health communications student and a bit of a Food Matters fan, I was super excited and of course extremely nervous when getting the opportunity to start an internship there. So what does a normal day look like at Food Matters?

Arriving bright and early at 9am I am greeted by a light, sunshine filled office and several of the happy Food Matters team members. Many are already sitting at their desks working away, whilst some newly arrived are chatting with their colleagues in the Food Matters kitchen whilst making their breakfast smoothie. I have a chat with my supervisor about what is on today's agenda. A bit later on James arrives at the office with a big smile on his face. He makes his way around the office where he greets and hugs everyone before he heads over to his own desk.

After lunch, it is back to work and maybe a tea break... Or two. The office has a great selection of tea (I have tried them all) and coffee. By 5 o'clock people are slowly starting to pack up and head home or maybe to a yoga class.

I recently finished my internship at Food Matters after being there for around three and a half months. All I can say is that it was a great experience and there are so many amazing people working at the office trying to help people live healthier and happier lives. Food Matters is truly a company which the world needs from providing education in the form of documentaries to healthy recipes, articles and videos.

# Future Careers

**With the economic growth and development planned for the region over the next 20 plus years and the ongoing population growth on the Sunshine Coast, there will be more employment opportunities across a number of sectors. Future Careers on the Sunshine Coast include:**

## HEALTH & WELLBEING

Whether your interest is following a medical path, preventative health or aged care, all careers in the health and wellbeing industry are important. With an ever-growing and ageing population there will be an increasing demand for health services and many Sunshine Coast students will have the opportunity to pursue a sustainable career.

The health and wellbeing industry is the largest employer in the region, with the latest figures showing 1,700 healthcare businesses employing around 21,000 people. The industry is expected to double its employment numbers by 2033.

## EDUCATION & RESEARCH

The Australian education industry is undergoing a transition on a national scale to put greater focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics, otherwise known as STEM subjects.

Almost \$65 million has been allocated for 10 initiatives under the Inspiring all Australians in Digital Literacy and STEM

program as part of the National Innovation and Science Agenda. The scope for future careers in teaching is ever expanding. Future teachers will be required to have STEM skills providing for 75 per cent of jobs in the fastest growing industries over the next five to 10 years.

## TOURISM, SPORT & LEISURE

The Sunshine Coast tourism industry is one of the key drivers of the economy. It provides more than 16,200 direct and indirect tourism jobs.

Growth in this industry in Australia is projected to stem from a modest increase in leisure tourism as well as in education tourism and medical tourism. On the Sunshine Coast, a growth in tourism translates to a growth in almost all industries as tourists consume a diverse range of products and services and tourism operators draw on a wide range of industries to deliver their products and services. The local industry is expected to provide jobs for more than 21,000 people by 2024.

## AVIATION AND AEROSPACE

The Sunshine Coast is home to a diverse aviation industry encompassing domestic and international travel, pilot training, education, manufacturing, engineering, design, charter services, emergency services and maintenance.

The aviation and aerospace industry is set to almost double by 2025 as population growth places higher demand on the current airports.

## AGRICULTURE

The agribusiness industry on the Sunshine Coast is home to more than 800 small and medium-sized niche businesses and comprises primary producers, processors, food manufacturers, growers, farmers and nurseries, agri-tourism and local food networks.

Advances in technology will create employment opportunities for experts in digital, robotics, drones, agricultural machinery, repair and maintenance, food technology, nutrition and innovation. Businesses will continue to seek staff who can improve efficiencies and logistics and develop their products through food technology and design led principles.

## IT

With so many game changer projects on the Sunshine Coast, the digital economy is poised to continue to expand and increase employment opportunities. The nature of technology means skills learned in knowledge and professional services can be easily transferred to other fields. All workplaces use, or could use, computers, mobiles, tablets, wearables and other technologies and so have the

capacity to look out for innovative and creative individuals with skills in advanced technology solutions.

## CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES

The region has already been recognised as a hub for clean technology businesses and aligns with Sunshine Coast Council's vision to be Australia's most sustainable region – healthy, smart, creative.

The clean tech industry includes a host of businesses that create new technologies in order to benefit the environment and boost business productivity and efficiency. The sector consists of four main areas, including water, waste, energy and the built environment. On the Sunshine Coast, clean tech businesses strive to provide continuous improvement to people, the planet and profits.

For further Future Career information please refer to:

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# Study Sunshine Coast Programs

You can get involved in a range of FREE Study Sunshine Coast events, programs, workshops and services including:

## STUDENT EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAM

### > Project Global Citizen

The program is an eight week blended learning format where you take part in a cultural competency accelerator program. [Learn more.](#)

### > Talent Essential Program

Build on your professional and personal skills through the Study Sunshine Coast Talent Essential

Career Workshops with topics such as How to get a job via LinkedIn and Career Confidence workshops. [Learn more.](#)

### > Industry Engagement Events

Attend and engage with expert panellists at Industry Events covering topics such as Brand and Marketing and Entrepreneurship and leadership. [Learn more.](#)

Learn more about SSC Student Employability Program:



## STUDENT CONNECTION EVENTS

- > Attend free student support events with interactive career and development workshops and 1:1 sessions with student support officers and career counsellors.

[Learn more.](#)

## STUDENT WELLBEING SERVICES

- > Receive access to our free food program including fresh produce, grocery items, vouchers and ready made meals. [Learn more.](#)

## STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

- > Every year Study Sunshine Coast appoints a group of students to act as ambassadors for the region. [Learn more.](#)

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Studying in a new country can be daunting for international students. Study Sunshine Coast supports everyone studying on the Sunshine Coast with information on everything they need to study, live, work and play in the region. The Study Sunshine Coast website provides comprehensive information for you to ensure your success and enhance your experience. Education providers on the Sunshine Coast also provide a dedicated student support service to assist you during your time here and any help with any requirements you have.

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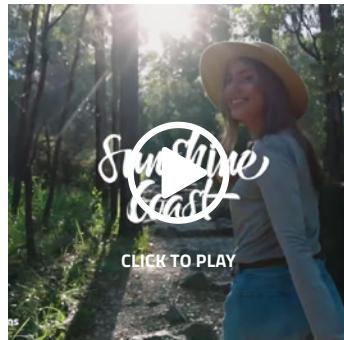
# Exploring the Sunshine Coast



**The Sunshine Coast is an aquatic playground like no other. Beaches, surfing, stand-up paddle boarding or boating, the Sunshine Coast has it all!**

The only thing more refreshing than the water is the lifestyle. With its sunshine, endless coastline, lush rainforests and easy smiles - it's a place where you'll feel like a local from the moment you arrive. The Sunshine Coast is host to a range of world-class sporting, music, cultural and food events, and is renowned as a foodie paradise!

A safe and welcoming community, you will get to enjoy the benefits of studying in a friendly and inclusive environment in one of Australia's leading tourist destinations.



## THINGS TO SEE AND DO

### SUNSHINE COAST ATTRACTIONS

The Sunshine Coast has every kind of attraction you could want and need, from natural attractions including mountains and waterfalls, as well as theme parks, zoo's, aquariums, food attractions and much more! Here's our top picks:

#### Mount Coolum

Mount Coolum National Park dominates the skyline of the Sunshine Coast. Climb the steep, rough 800 metre trail up the Mountain to reach spectacular views of the Sunshine Coast!

#### Kondalilla Falls

A refuge for many native animals and plants, Kondalilla National Park is a great place to experience magnificent waterfalls, rock pools and freshwater creeks and is a fantastic nature walk.

#### Australia Zoo

Get up close and personal with native and exotic wildlife at Australia Zoo! Take a selfie

with a kangaroo, have a cuddle with the furry koalas, go on an African safari and watch the croc show!

#### SEA LIFE Sunshine Coast

Experience an aquatic wonderland where you can learn, explore and interact with thousands of marine life, over 11 themed unique zones.

#### Ocean Street

Ocean Street is a vibrant food and wine precinct with some of the best cafes, restaurants and bars on the coast!

#### Mooloolaba Esplanade

To eat delicious cuisine and hear the sounds of the ocean all at once is a true Sunshine Coast experience. You will find a range of multicultural cuisine along the strip of Mooloolaba Beach. Many restaurants and cafes offer student discounts making it an affordable night out.

### FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

The Sunshine Coast is home to a range of exhilarating sporting, cultural, music and food events including the famous Noosa Triathlon Multisport Festival and Ironman 70.3 events,

Woodford Folk Festival, Big Pineapple Music Festival, Caloundra Music Festival, Noosa International Eat & Drink Festival, and home to the Sunshine Coast Lightning netball team.

### SUNSHINE COAST BEACHES

The Sunshine Coast beaches are quite simply some of the best in the world. With wide stretches of clean, white sand and a choice of surf or calm bays sparkling with warm water. Popular beaches include Mooloolaba, Caloundra, Coolum and Noosa and most beaches on the Sunshine Coast are patrolled by surf lifesavers for your safety.

### ACCESS TO WORLD HERITAGE-LISTED FRASER ISLAND

From the Sunshine Coast you can catch a car ferry from Tewantin and explore the Noosa North Shore, the Great Sandy National Park and World Heritage-listed Fraser Island.

To find out more visit:

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