EDUCATION + TRAINING
Inspired by lifestyle, driven by opportunity.

The Gold Coast’s iconic beaches, world heritage-listed rainforests and climate set the scene for a lifestyle unrivalled the world over.

We are already Australia’s premier tourist destination and fastest growing city, but the Gold Coast is destined for greater things.

Ours is a city rising to emerging opportunities, pushing the boundaries of its past and reaching for all the future holds.

Hosting a major event such as the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games™ has redefined our economy and created new opportunities in education, research and business for Australia’s favourite classroom.

Our forward-thinking attitude and significant investment attraction program – the first of its kind in Australia – make the Gold Coast the right place, at the right time, to live, work, study, visit and invest.

This is the Gold Coast. And there’s nowhere else like it.
Welcome to the Gold Coast

As Mayor of the Gold Coast I am honoured to introduce you to our great city.

It’s a place where the ‘have a go’ spirit has put us way ahead, and our people are proud to live; work; study; start and grow a business; and raise a family.

As the host city of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, one of the largest elite multi-sport events, we have confirmed our ambitions to play a part on the world stage.

The Games have provided an opportunity for the Gold Coast to transform from a city with potential to a truly world class global centre in sports, health and education, with a diverse economy, new industries and infrastructure.

I encourage you to find out more about the Education and Training opportunities for both individuals and organisations in our great city. The information provided in this book is just the beginning of the Education Gold Coast story.

We are already way ahead, and the best is yet to come. Be part of our future.

MAYOR TOM TATE
Gold Coast, Australia

The Gold Coast is a city coming of age. It is a place of opportunity that, over the next decade, will transform into a globally-recognised city while retaining its enviable lifestyle and stunning natural environment.

Located on the edge of the Asia-Pacific rim, with access to two international airports, the Gold Coast is perfectly positioned as a destination for study and vocational training, research, careers and employment.

The Gold Coast is home to over half a million people and offers the greatest educational choice of any city of our size.

Education and training contributes more than $1.7 billion to the local economy and with 25,000 international students from more than 130 different countries studying here, the Gold Coast is growing in popularity as a study destination both nationally and internationally.

The city has three research-intensive universities, which are among the leaders in their field; a range of technical and training colleges; and some of Australia’s best public and independent schools. In 2016 it was rated number one out of the seven Best Student Cities by the Beach in the QS Best Student Cities.
With a robust economy valued at more than $30 billion, and an ambitious strategy that encourages innovation and sustainable growth, the Gold Coast’s future is full of promise. Ours is an economy of opportunity that has grown from its basis in tourism and construction to a diverse, knowledge-based economic environment.

New infrastructure and innovation in the information technology, health, education and advanced manufacturing sectors are redefining the Gold Coast’s economic profile and creating opportunities in education, research, employment, enterprise and investment.

A city that encourages forward-thinking, is strong in its support of new and creative solutions and is bold in its attitude to growth and development, it’s easy to see why the Gold Coast is home to a dynamic combination of start-ups, co-working spaces, plus research and education institutions.
Welcome to education and training on the Gold Coast

The Gold Coast’s Education and Training sector continues to enjoy growth from domestic and international student numbers.

There were more than 25,000 international students studying on the Gold Coast, adding great value to our city.

Study Gold Coast aims to educate our community about the value of the sector, provide meaningful student experiences and promote the economic value of the industry in order to expand the city’s talent pool, attract more employers and grow the local economy.

Our mission is to position the Gold Coast’s education and training sector as one of the city’s fundamental economic pillars. As the peak industry body, Study Gold Coast promotes and unites the industry, helping grow student numbers for the region.

We believe that the Gold Coast is Australia’s favourite classroom. It is a vibrant city that is recognised globally for providing quality education, training, innovation, opportunity and career outcomes against a backdrop of an unrivalled destination.

In 2017, Study Gold Coast launched Australia’s largest city-wide employability program, aimed at showcasing career opportunities, developing stronger connections between our student community and industry and boosting the local economy through the development of a thriving education and training sector.

We also opened the Gold Coast’s first Student Hub. Located in the heart of Southport, the Gold Coast CBD and well-connected by public transport, the Hub is a free space for all students, that provides opportunities to connect, learn and engage through workshops, networking and social events.

We welcome you to visit our beautiful city and learn more about the education and training opportunities on the Gold Coast, where we are putting success, quality, community and outcomes first.

It’s an exciting time to be a student on the Gold Coast.

SHANNON WILLOUGHBY
CEO, Study Gold Coast
AMBITION ABOUT EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Gold Coast is rated number one of the ‘Best Student Cities by the Beach’ and 69th overall of the ‘Best Student Cities’ in the world by the QS World University Rankings.

More students are choosing to study on the Gold Coast across all sectors including higher education, schools, vocational education, ELICOS and non-award programs and with a significant increase in the number of vocational education and training and non-award.

More than 200 international and domestic education and training providers can be found on the Gold Coast, including three major universities, a large technical college, private vocational and registered training organisations, English language schools and high quality independent and public high schools.

The Gold Coast is popular with a diverse mix of international students with no single nationality dominating the numbers. The top nationalities of students enrolled in education and training providers on the Gold Coast are Canadian, Chinese, Brazilian, Japanese, South Korean, Indian and American.

With thousands of students choosing to study in the city of Gold Coast every year from all across the globe, there is a fantastic student lifestyle and culture to enjoy.
"EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROFONDLY IMPACTS OUR CITY’S ECONOMY AND ITS REPUTATION AS A KNOWLEDGE HUB. THE DEPTH OF TALENT FOUND HERE AND THE STRENGTH OF ITS GLOBAL CONNECTIONS ARE FACTORS THAT MATTER FOR ANYONE WHO CALLS THE GOLD COAST HOME."

THE HONOURABLE ROB BORBIDGE AO,
CHAIR, STUDY GOLD COAST.
Gold Coast Schools

Independent schools

Our Gold Coast independent schools are ambitious to be leaders within Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. They are competitive both nationally and internationally and are highly regarded for both academic and sporting excellence.

The Gold Coast’s independent schools offer specialist and innovative curriculums including - science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) programs, music and drama - that help them to diversify their student community and develop relationships with international markets.

Our Gold Coast schools are also highly focussed on providing a quality student experience through community engagement and cultural initiatives.

Educating through arts and culture

Somerset College has established an annual Festival of Literature on its campus, which has become a popular Gold Coast literary event, where authors from around Australia hold interactive sessions and workshops for both children and adults. Somerset College also introduced the Celebration of Entrepreneurship festival, with guest speakers, workshops and hands-on experiences designed to support the growth of entrepreneurial skills and innovation amongst students.

Emmanuel College offers an extensive arts curriculum including dance, music and visual arts. The College offers one of the most comprehensive music programs on the Gold Coast and its students participate in a wide variety of bands and choirs of varying genres, styles and abilities.

Coomera Anglican College holds the annual CAC Film Festival, where families and friends can enjoy an evening at the cinema, showcasing a variety of media productions from their talented Year 9-12 media students.

Educating through internationalisation

All Saints Anglican School has created an International Centre for the delivery of the High School Preparation Programme; an English language course designed to develop student’s English language proficiency for entry into an Australian High School. The course provides a smooth transition into high school with all lessons conducted on campus in modern facilities and with highly qualified teachers. International students at All Saints also have two accommodation options: Boarding at the International House student dormitory or Homestay with carefully selected local families.

Livingstone Christian College has developed a focus on ‘Asia Capability’ that is embraced across all year levels through a variety of interesting and engaging curriculum projects as well as an innovative approach to LOTE Chinese.

Educating through technology and innovative learning

A.B. Paterson College offers collaborative and digital learning for its students to enable them to construct knowledge and gather information from a wider range of sources, whilst using ICT to enhance and support the teaching and learning environment.

The Southport School (TSS) is a leader in educational technology and its students have open access to Robots, Mobile App development tools, 3D Printers, Micro Controller Boards and was the first Queensland school to introduce a Drone Pilot Course.
St Hilda’s School has introduced the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Institute, which provides students with the opportunity to participate in university subjects on the St Hilda’s campus that will give them credit towards a degree.

Saint Stephen’s College created the iCentre, a state-of-the-art learning and research space that provides all of the resourcing and technology needs for all students from Preparatory through to Year 12, including digitally interactive and collaborative learning spaces.

Trinity Christian College has opened the HUB, a community space for students to socialise over commercial games, which encourages peer tutoring so that students are empowered to learn from each other through collaborative learning in a comfortable and stimulating learning environment.

Coomera Anglican College recognises that students need to be highly skilled, creative and versatile users of emerging technologies. Their teachers utilise appropriate specialist technologies such as robots, digital project kits, virtual reality environments and augmented reality equipment to support student learning.

Kings Christian College uses innovative teaching practices and provides Project Based Learning (PBL) for students from Year 5 to 12. Students are able to put their academic learning into practice, working on theme-based units, initiated from a Project Based Learning approach, which helps students develop as independent learners.

“One of the essential factors in a city’s maturity is the excellence and diversity of its educational offerings. Against any benchmark, it is clear that the schools of the Gold Coast lead the state in academic outcomes, cultural pursuits, and sporting programmes. The diversity of institutions ensures that any parent has a wide range of choices to find the best fit for their child to develop their potential.”

Mr Craig Bassingthwaighte
Headmaster, Somerset College
Boarding Schools

The Gold Coast is also home to an all-girl boarding and day school at St. Hilda’s School, and an all-boy boarding and day school at The Southport School with boarding facilities for enrolled students. These independent, Anglican schools are located in Southport, a central suburb of the Gold Coast.

Education Queensland Alliance schools

Study Gold Coast has a partnership with 11 Education Queensland International schools which are responsible for growing enrolled offshore student numbers. With more than 20,000 domestic and 600 international students within their communities, they continue to grow and develop their reputation for high-quality secondary schooling.

The Education Queensland International schools are known for providing a unique curriculum includes sports and academic excellence programs, plus pathways to the Gold Coast’s universities and vocational training providers.

In addition to the 11 alliance schools, there are more than 300 primary and secondary public schools which provide the foundations of success for thousands of Gold Coast students each year.
Vocational education and training

Queensland is internationally renowned for its high quality, industry focused vocational education and training system. Led by industry and responsive to local and international needs, vocational education and training providers on the Gold Coast are focused on delivering competency based training that gives students a competitive edge.

Vocational education and training on the Gold Coast is delivered through TAFE Queensland, private vocational education and training providers and most high schools. These training courses build practical and professional skills that help students to achieve their potential and progress in their chosen field.

The Gold Coast’s vocational education and training providers offer international students accredited courses across a wide range of industries. With experienced, industry-aware teaching staff, leading technology and study facilities, plus strong partnerships with industry and business, they offer effective pathways to higher education and employment.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDERS

- Ace Tennis Academy
- Airways Aviation
- Air Gold Coast
- Aurora Training Institute
- Australian Industry Trade College
- EIM International Training
- Envirotech International College
- Harvest Education Technical College
- Kool Kids Training College
- Langports English Language College
- Lifetime International Training College
- Shafston International College
- TAFE Queensland Gold Coast
- The Eagle Academy
- VETEA
- Imagine Education Australia
- Strategix Training Institute
English language courses

English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) are for international students who will be studying English in Australia as part of an intensive program. In this case ‘intensive’ means a minimum of 20 hours of scheduled classes involving face-to-face contact hours of English language instruction.

English Language providers

• Browns English Language School
• Envirotech International
• English In Paradise
• Imagine Education Australia
• Langports English Language College
• Shafston International College
• TAFE Queensland
• The Eagle Academy
• VETEA

University based English language programs

Our Gold Coast Universities have English language study providers that deliver courses for international students. These English courses are designed for learners at every stage from beginner to advanced so that students learn adequate can English skills for use in travel, work and in order gain the level of proficiency in order to qualify for entry into a University degree.

• Bond University College
• Griffith English Language Institute (GELI)
• Southern Cross University English Language Centre (SCUELC)
Pathways to university

**Bond University College** offers pathway programs for domestic and international students. Located on the main campus at Robina, it has a range of higher education diploma programs that assist students in achieving their academic goals - whether it is further study at Bond University or simply expanding knowledge and skills. The college offers its students: state-of-the-art facilities, small class sizes and access to some of the world’s best teaching staff.

The Bond University Preparation Program for domestic student’s provides a pathway to a university degree. Students learn the core academic skills required for entry into undergraduate study and are guaranteed a place in most Bond University Higher Education Diplomas and Bachelor Degrees.

The Bond College Foundation Program for international students accelerates a student’s pathway to a university degree by providing an academic preparation for students seeking entry to first year undergraduate study. The Foundation Program is open to international students who have completed the equivalent of Australian Year 11 and meet the English language requirements.

**Griffith College** offers pathways into Griffith University undergraduate degrees with preparatory programs or diploma courses that are the first-year equivalent of a Griffith University bachelor’s degree. They also offer two-year associate degrees that lead to the third year of a Griffith University Bachelor degree.

Based on the Gold Coast campus at Southport, Griffith College offers a supportive learning environment, including small class sizes and extra tuition time, ensuring that students receive individual attention from their teachers.

The Griffith College Foundation program for domestic or international students is equivalent to Year 12 and provides a bridge between secondary school and undergraduate studies. The program is designed to adequately prepare students for entry to university-level programs in the fields of Arts, Commerce, Design, Engineering, Health, Hotel Management, Information Technology (IT) and Science.

**Southern Cross University College** offers pathways to success at university for both domestic and international students on its Gold Coast campus at Bilinga.

SCU College’s preparatory program and undergraduate awards are suitable for domestic students who may not have achieved the right qualification to enter university. Students undertaking the College’s undergraduate awards, such as a Diploma or an Associate degree, will earn credit toward Bachelor-level study, while they study in a highly-supported environment.

The College’s English language programs welcome students from across the world, stepping them through a sequence of courses to develop English language proficiency for success, as well as Diploma and Associate degrees.

Preparing for Success at SCU Program (PSP) is offered on campus and online. It is an intensive 12-week program to equip students with academic skills for university study.
LEADING HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDERS

Building on our strengths in education the Gold Coast universities – Bond, Griffith and Southern Cross – are investing heavily in infrastructure and research and delivering world-class education that is ranking them amongst the world’s best in national and global rankings.

Bond University

#1 in Australia for student experience.

Bond University is rated by students as the top university in Australia for overall student experience, as reported by the Federal Department of Education’s Student Experience Survey (QILT website).

Bond is also ranked in the global top 20 universities in the Times Higher Education (THE) Rankings of Best Small Universities in the World.

In the 2017 Good Universities Guide, Bond University was awarded more 5-star ratings in the student experience category than any other university in Australia for the eleventh year in a row for: teaching quality, learner engagement, learning resources, student support, skills development, student:staff ratio, overall quality of education.
The university is also a consistent leader for international student satisfaction in the International Student Barometer.

Exceptional student outcomes are achieved through small class sizes, premium facilities, innovative teaching and extensive industry engagement. Bond’s smaller size allows unparalleled student support and tailoring of the student journey to individual needs.

Founded in 1989 and located in Robina on the Gold Coast, Bond University has just over 4,500 students, with a diverse student community including more than 1,500 international students from 80 countries. Bond also maintains about 80 international partnerships with leading universities in 27 countries around the world.

At Bond, education goes beyond the classroom. Embedded into the core curriculum is Beyond Bond, an innovative, student-focused, non-traditional program that presents a life-learning experience like no other. The unique program expands students’ horizons with internships, global volunteering programs, international competitions, industry conferences, study tours, community service and much more.

Transformer

Transformer is an Australian-first program aimed at teaching big-picture thinking, creative problem solving and evidence-based decision making to make a real difference in the community, your own business or an existing one. This fee-free co-curricular program is designed to encourage exploration, enable innovation and enhance entrepreneurial skills, no matter what degree you are studying.

With unparalleled access to industry experts, mentors, academic coaches, workshops and a cutting-edge 24/7 co-working space, this is a transformational experience that will challenge students to adapt, create and collaborate, preparing them for today’s ever-evolving workplaces and positions that might not yet even exist.

Study areas

| Actuarial Science |
| Architecture and Built Environment |
| Business and Commerce |
| Communications and Media |
| Health Sciences |
| Hotel and Tourism |
| International Relations and Humanities |
| Law |
| Medicine |
| Nutrition and Dietetics |
| Occupational Therapy |
| Physiotherapy |
| Social Sciences, Psychology and Counselling |
| Sport and Exercise Science |
Griffith University

Griffith University was created to be a different kind of university—challenging conventions, responding to trends and pioneering solutions through innovative teaching and research. Its high quality degrees are specifically designed to prepare students for the future, and are developed in consultation with industry, based on cutting-edge research, and taught by Australia’s most awarded teachers.

Since it was established in 1971, Griffith has been deeply connected to the Asian region, environmentally aware, open to the community and industry focused. Always ahead of its time, Griffith introduced Australia’s first degrees in a range of important areas, including modern Asian studies and environmental science.

Ranking in the top three per cent of universities worldwide, Griffith hosts almost 50,000 students across five campuses in South East Queensland. The Gold Coast campus, centrally located in Southport, is its largest campus.

The campus has seen significant growth and development over the last few years, with the opening of the $150 million Griffith Health Centre, the launch of the $38 million Griffith Business School building, and the introduction of two light rail stops, making it easily accessible from the heart of the Gold Coast. A range of sporting facilities and student clubs are available, as well as on-campus student accommodation.

Griffith is ranked in the “Top 50 under 50” rankings by both the Times Higher Education and QS. In the 2017 QS World University Rankings by Subject, Griffith ranked in the top 100 institutions worldwide in 11 subject areas, including a world top 10 position for hospitality and leisure management (which was also ranked number one in Australia), and top 50 for development studies, nursing and midwifery, and performing arts.

Griffith is an Official Partner of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. Through this partnership, students have the opportunity to be closely involved in the build up to and delivery of the biggest event in Australia this decade.

Study Areas

- Business and government
- Criminology and law
- Education
- Engineering and information technology
- Environment, planning and architecture
- Medicine, dentistry and health
- Humanities, languages and social science
- Music
- Science and aviation
- Visual and creative arts
Southern Cross University

Southern Cross University # 1 for international student support. (International Student Barometer 2016)

Southern Cross University is a progressive, young and connected regional research university, with three main campuses located in Lismore (NSW), Coffs Harbour (NSW) and the Gold Coast (QLD).

Southern Cross University’s fastest growing campus is on the Gold Coast in Southeast Queensland. Located at Bilinga near the world-famous Kirra Beach, it is right next to the Gold Coast Airport and features state of the art health and science laboratories.

Southern Cross aims to produce graduates who are career ready, world ready and digitally literate, and who experience an academic environment distinctive for its personal approach.

Their degree programs are available both on-campus and online and deliver exciting, contemporary and high quality learning experiences.

Southern Cross is known as a provider of outstanding international student support and has been ranked number one for international student support for the 4th consecutive year by the International Student Barometer and number two for overall learning support.

Southern Cross is also ranked in top 100 universities in the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia Pacific University Rankings, top 100 universities under 50 years by THE World University Rankings 2016, and the top 500 universities worldwide.

Study areas

- Arts
- Allied Health and Health Sciences
- Coastal Systems Engineering
- Digital Business
- Education
- Information Technology
- Law
- Social Science
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Tourism
TAFE Queensland

TAFE Queensland awarded best large training provider of vocational education and training. (Queensland Training Awards 2016)

With over 128,000 students from more than 90 countries in 600+ study areas, and a completion rate of 90 per cent, TAFE Queensland has a proud history of training built on more than 130 years of experience and has been awarded, ‘Best Large Training Provider of Vocational Education and Training for two years in a row at the Queensland Training Awards.

TAFE Queensland boasts impressive student and career outcomes with 91 per cent employer satisfaction, 89 per cent student satisfaction and 87 per cent graduates employed or in further study within six months of graduating.

TAFE Queensland Gold Coast is a technical and further education institute with campuses located across the city in Ashmore, Coolangatta, Coomera and Southport.

They offer more than 300 vocational education courses and have a strong focus on hospitality education and producing 6-star hospitality graduates. TAFE also provides many pathway opportunities into university study and degree programs.

Study areas

Aged Care, Animal Studies, Health and Fitness
Commercial Cookery, Events, Hospitality and Tourism
Community Services and Counselling
Built Environment, Competitive Systems and Engineering
Business, Justice Studies and Management
Design, IT, Media and Gaming
Early Childhood and Education
English and Employment Preparation
Beauty and Hairdressing
Music, Sound and Live Production
Nursing
Trades
Living and working on the Gold Coast is the aspiration of many Australian and International students, but finding the right career within the city’s fast-evolving economy requires thought and planning.

After studying and completing a qualification, there are many employment opportunities available on the Gold Coast both in the public and private sectors. The Gold Coast has an engaged industry committed to offering strong graduate outcome opportunities.

This coupled with the new opportunities our growing city has to offer, helps students to get them started on a career path.
“Southport Sharks recognises the importance of recruiting skilled workers as a critical factor for meeting our short and long-term business objectives. As an organisation that supports the local community through sport, leisure and entertainment services, we are dependent on a skilled talent pool that can meet the diverse needs of our current and future customer base.”

Dean Bowtell, Chief Executive Officer, Southport Sharks (Australian Rules Football Club)
Gold Coast employability program

With the aim of becoming the most active student employability focused city in Australia, Study Gold Coast initiated an Employability Program in 2017 to increase the city’s reputation as an education destination of choice. To achieve this the program sets out to connect more students with opportunities to learn from local businesses, and establish collaborations that will enhance their studies and improve their graduate outcomes. This will help create more skilled and talented workers for our region, increase job opportunities for students and drive more students and employers to the region.

The immediate goal is to connect businesses with the education sector. Initially, by educating businesses about the importance of student employability and how it will benefit the student, their business and the city’s economic development. Secondly, to connect more businesses with the education sector via a series of initiatives including an in-house resource, an online aggregated portal and networking functions which bring both sectors together.

The team at Study Gold Coast has also developed a digital careers tool to help students make more informed decisions around their education and workforce opportunities. Known as the ‘Gold Coast Careers Explorer’ this online application showcases some of the amazing people who are building careers, businesses and opportunities for our workforce of tomorrow.

Gold Coast business community

The Gold Coast is open for business and our companies are winning national awards and global business in advanced manufacturing from the flourishing marine industry to food science and processing as well as in health technology, ICT and niche sectors such as motorsport. The Gold Coast ‘innovation ecosystem’ provides an environment where entrepreneurs, co-working spaces, tech start-ups, incubators and investors are emerging, establishing the Gold Coast as a hotspot for innovation and a successful start-up community.
AMBITIOUS ABOUT HEALTH

Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct

An emerging health and innovation hub for the Asia-Pacific region, the 200-hectare Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct (GCHKP) is a unique global business location for high-tech industry development and research collaboration, that will provide the jobs of the future and transform the city and its economy.

Supported by $5 billion in health, education and transport infrastructure, the Precinct is set to employ over 26,000 people and generate around $2.9 billion for the city’s economy.

The Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct is home to state-of-the-art medical, research and training facilities within the AUD$1.76 billion Gold Coast University Hospital, the Gold Coast Private Hospital and Griffith University’s Gold Coast campus.

The Precinct is an area that is destined to be a world-renowned community of ideas and innovation. The long term goal is to develop an integrated and collaborative location for learning, research, knowledge creation and the commercialisation of newly developed technologies.

In collaboration with Bond University, Griffith University and Southern Cross University the Health and Knowledge Precinct facilitates and encourages:

- Research and development
- Commercial opportunities for health, medicine and technology
- Growth in the health sector
- Training and employment opportunities
“THE GOLD COAST IS ESTABLISHING ITSELF AS A BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH HUB AND ALL OF THE TRANSLATIONAL FACILITIES ARE ALREADY IN PLACE. WITHIN THE NEXT 10 YEARS I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE GOLD COAST WILL BE SEEN AS A WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH PRECINCT”

MARK VON ITZSTEIN,
DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL RESEARCH LEADER
OF THE INSTITUTE OF GLYCOMICS
Health and Education on the Gold Coast

Bond University is renowned for its innovative, health-focused programs which include medicine, physiotherapy, nutrition and dietetics, occupational therapy, biomedical science and health sciences. Working in any one of these fields gives students the opportunity to have a profound impact on people’s well-being, with career pathways in clinical practice, research and development and more.

Bond University’s health programs feature extensive clinical placements and world leading simulation training. Students have unparalleled access to small group learning, laboratories, equipment, facilities, and clinically practicing academics in all disciplines.

Research in Health

The Bond University Centre for Research in Evidence-Based Practice (CREBP) undertakes world leading research about the processes and implementation of Evidence-Based Medicine in order to more intelligently and efficiently close the gaps between best available evidence and current clinical practice.

The key areas of focus are to better understand the gaps between research evidence and its application in practice, including areas such as: the applicability of treatments to individuals, the effectiveness of diagnostic and disease monitoring processes, and the cognitive processes underpinning clinicians’ decisions about diagnosis and treatment.

CREBP is associated with the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom.

CREBP Strategy

The CREBP works on big, neglected problems in health care. Current research projects focus on four big neglected problems, that are supported by our work on the development of methods, tools, and capacity.

Bond University is taking the lead in the Collaborative Research Network for Advancing Exercise & Sports Science (CRN-AESS) research program with a total value in excess $14 million with the aim of producing world-class research into sports, exercise and health science.

Bond is home to a number of other world leading health research centres including:

- Centre for Urology Research
- Collaborative Research Network for Advancing Exercise and Sports Science
- Clem Jones Research Centre for Stem Cells and Tissue Regenerative Therapies

Bond also boasts the Health Professions Education Research Group, which comprises Faculty members and students interested in the scholarship of learning and teaching in the various health professions.
GRiffith University

Health Study Options

Griffith’s degrees span a wide range of health professions from biomedical and medical science, dentistry and oral health to exercise science, and sport development and physiotherapy. Students may find exciting career opportunities in hospitals, clinics, government and community organisations, and private practice.

With the aim of creating the best, work-ready health graduates in Australia, Griffith students and researchers learn within world-class facilities, preparing to work in disciplines across the range of health professions.

Research and Resources

The $150 million Griffith Health Centre operates in close proximity to the new 750-bed Gold Coast University Hospital and a new 250-bed private hospital. It’s a unique environment in which to gain unrivalled clinical experiences. Through the Griffith Health Clinics, based in the Centre, Griffith offers affordable healthcare services for the community and practical learning opportunities for students.

With leading-edge research in many areas of medical science to inform their university degree, Griffith’s goal is to produce forward-thinking graduates ready to make their mark in a healthcare career.

Southern Cross University

Southern Cross offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses including studies in biomedical science, pedorthics, nursing, clinical exercise physiology, and healthcare leadership.

The School of Health and Human Sciences aims to produce capable and creative practitioners, researchers and scientists. Their courses provide students with the opportunity to be part of a growing and developing health and human sciences industry on the Gold Coast.

The School works with professional associations to design and deliver contemporary courses that are industry-relevant, with professional placements that enable students to gain first-hand experience in the workplace. Students have access to modern laboratories and specialist facilities for practical training.

TAFE Queensland Gold Coast

With a range of vocational education and training programs available such as the Diploma of Nursing and the Certificates III & IV in Fitness, TAFE Queensland Gold Coast offers excellent training opportunities for students who want to commence their career in health services.

Nursing students learn in simulated clinical wards with state-of-the-art equipment and benefit from on-the-job clinical experience working as part of a team under the supervision of Registered Nurses.
AMBITIOUS IN RESEARCH

The Gold Coast is building a reputation for cutting edge research and innovation - from drug discovery to global health issues; cutting-edge medical devices and advanced manufacturing; to leading sports science research.
“ONE OF THE BEST ADVANTAGES OF STUDYING ON THE GOLD COAST HAS BEEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE AND MEET SO MANY STUDENTS FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS AND WORK ON INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED RESEARCH HERE ON THE GOLD COAST.”

STEVEN WEY, GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY, BACHELOR OF DENTAL SCIENCE
Research highlights for Bond University:

- Leading a national $14 million sports science research project, the largest of its kind, with $5.75 million cash funding from a Collaborative Research Network (CRN) grant.
- Stem cell research program is close to restoring sight to patients with macular degeneration, after securing a further $1.2 million in funding from the Clem Jones Foundation.

Research highlights for Southern Cross University include:

- The age of a hominid fossil found in South Africa has been dated using state-of-the art techniques by researchers from the Geoarchaeology and Archaeometry Research Group (GARG)
- Leading a $13.8 million Farm Co-operatives and Collaboration Pilot Program across the country, providing farmers with knowledge and skills to boost their returns.

Research highlights for Griffith University:

- A world-leading malaria vaccine that is now at human-trial stage and will be manufactured at the Institute for Glycomics at Griffith University
- The world’s first photo of the shadow of an atom, taken by the Griffith Centre for Quantum Dynamics
- Leading research into the use of robots to improve the quality of life for dementia patients at the Menzies Health Institute Queensland, Griffith University
- A world-first genomic study of Aboriginal Australians, conducted at Griffith’s Australian Research Centre for Human Evolution, which found Indigenous Australians and Papuans are descendants of a single wave of migrants who left Africa around 70,000 years ago
- Professor Emeritus Alan Mackay-Sim, from the Griffith Institute for Drug Discovery, being named 2017 Australian of the Year in recognition of his groundbreaking stem cell research.
AMBITIOUS IN SPORT

With an enviable natural environment, the Gold Coast is acknowledged as one of the best sports training locations in the world.

Our universities are also great training grounds for amateur and elite athletes and offer a range of sporting opportunities. For those looking to play sport or study it, keep fit or compete professionally, many of our education and training providers offer teams, programs, facilities and research opportunities that can help students and athletes to achieve their goals.
Bond University

The university has a proud history of sporting tradition and supports students in their endeavours to study, play, compete and represent at all levels. In 2016 Bond unveiled a world class Sports Centre and all of their students get free access to Bond’s wide range of sporting facilities.

Degrees in sports

Bond’s specialist degrees open up career opportunities for professional and elite sports. Sports management students gain practical experience and mentoring from leading experts in the global sporting industry. Bond University graduates have gone on to establish careers in the multi-faceted sport industry both nationally and internationally. Exercise and sports science, physiotherapy and nutrition students enjoy extensive access to well-equipped laboratories and sporting facilities, where industry-relevant practical experience in the classroom is complemented by placement opportunities in sports, exercise and healthcare settings.

Elite sporting opportunities

Bond University is a member of the Australian Sport Commission’s Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU) Program, which provides flexible study loads and requirements for athletes. The University supports elite athletes in the balanced pursuit of their academic and sporting goals through providing flexible academic regulations for students-athletes of an elite level.

Sports research

Bond University is the lead in the Collaborative Research Network for Advancing Exercise & Sports Science (CRN-AESS) research program. The total value of the project exceeds $14 million with the aim of producing a world-class program of research in sports, exercise and health science.

Griffith University

Griffith is one of Australia’s leading sports universities, with teaching, research and community engagement spans all aspects of sports, from performance to health to management. It also offers a range of opportunities for students looking to play sport at all levels from social to professional.

Sports study options

Ranking in the world’s top 100 for sports-related subjects in the 2017 QS World University Rankings by Subject, Griffith offers degrees in areas such as sport development, science, medicine and physiotherapy, coaching, management and engineering. Opportunities exist for students to complete industry integrated learning with high profile partners.

Sports facilities

Griffith’s students, staff and community have access to outstanding facilities, including the aquatic centre, an athletics track, gyms and sports fields. Students can join sporting clubs, events and competitions both socially and to represent the university.

Support for elite athletes

Griffith is one of Australia’s top two universities for elite athletes. The Griffith Sports College provides dedicated, expert advice for more than 400 student elite athletes across more than 40 sports and helps students with flexible study options to enable them to balance the high demands of elite sport with university study.

Sports research

Griffith boasts some of the world’s leading sports scientists working in the most sophisticated facilities in Australia. These include multiple biomechanics, exercise physiology, biochemistry and sports nutrition laboratories, housing the most up-to-date equipment.
Southern Cross University

Southern Cross offers a wide range of sporting, recreational and cultural clubs and activities. There are also a variety of study options that provide the knowledge, skills and attributes to practise as professionals in the field of sport and exercise science.

Sports study options

With a range of degrees from sport and exercise science, biomedical science, health to podiatry, pedorthics and exercise physiology, Southern Cross can equip graduates for employment opportunities across sport and health-related areas.

Elite Athlete Friendly University

The EAFU program supports athletes to achieve academic excellence whilst pursuing a sporting career. The value of combining both sport and higher education to achieve greater life success is well recognised across the university and sporting sectors. Athletes may require additional support to maintain their sporting excellence and the Elite Athlete Program has been designed to support and encourage students in managing both areas of their life to ensure that they can achieve their goals.

Campus sport

Southern Cross ‘UniLife’ provides students with an opportunity to get active and be involved in a number of social sports programs where you can mix with other students and staff.

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A healthy career choice

International and domestic students can learn how to make a difference in people’s lives with an exciting career in the fitness industry by studying a Diploma in Sport Development or Certificates III and IV in Fitness. Students will learn the science of exercise, the use of exercise equipment, and how to develop fitness programs.

The courses include the study of anatomy, physiology, exercise science, nutrition, and how to perform health and fitness screening and fitness appraisals. These qualifications equip students with the necessary skills to work as a fitness instructor in a community or fitness facility.

Ace Tennis Academy

Founded in 2004, Ace Tennis Academy was designed to help support tennis enthusiasts from around the world to develop their playing and coaching abilities, and to experience the game in a fun and educational way. Their courses are for all ages and levels. They also offer internationally recognised qualifications through the Ace Sports Academy and pathways to study at Griffith University.

Sports Super Centre

The Sports Super Centre is a high-performance training venue, originally built as an elite training base for international athletes competing at the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000. The Centre has world-class sporting facilities, offers elite sport and English programs and is one of the official training and accommodation venues for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.
AMBITIOUS IN TOURISM

From Australia’s best beaches, rainforests and waterways to world class sporting venues, convention services, theme parks, events, cultural activities, hotels and resorts, the Gold Coast’s tourism assets provide an enviable platform for growth.

One of Australia’s favourite holiday destinations, the Gold Coast attracts more than 13 million visitors each year who collectively spend about $4.7 billion.

Located in south-east Queensland, the Gold Coast is only a one hour drive from the state’s capital of Brisbane and is serviced by two international airports – Gold Coast Airport at Coolangatta and Brisbane Airport, which is 1 hour drive north.

Tourism and hospitality education is provided at high schools, private and public vocational education and training colleges as well as university, with a focus on practical skills and career outcomes. In fact, our students are spoiled for choice when it comes to industry experience, with more than 300 hotels and resorts, plus dozens of major attractions located in the Gold Coast region.
“AS THE GOLD COAST GROWS, BUSINESS LIKE OURS THAT RELY ON TOURISM ARE LOOKING TO THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE THE SKILLED EMPLOYEES OF THE FUTURE AND WE CAN OFFER THEM THE CAREERS THAT THEY DESERVE AND EXPECT.”

MARION CHARLTON, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
GOLD COAST AIRPORT
**Bond University**

The Bond University Business School delivers the Bachelor of International Hotel and Tourism Management, which prepares students for professional and managerial roles in the global tourism industry, including hotels, resorts, airlines, restaurants, theme parks, cruises, destination marketing and management organisations, and events. The program is the only one in Australia to offer the Revenue Management Major, addressing the shortage of skilled revenue managers in the hotel and tourism industry.

**Griffith University**

The Department of Tourism, Sport and Hotel Management within the Griffith Business School, is a multi-award winning provider of degrees in the fields of event management, real estate and property development, international tourism and hotel management, and sport management. Students learn on industry-standard systems and have opportunities to get into the field through study tours to some of the world’s most exciting tourism destinations. They also gain experience working on real projects through industry internships.

Ranked first in Australia and ninth globally in the 2017 QS World University Subject Rankings for its Hospitality and Leisure Management subjects, Griffith has also been ranked second globally in the most recent Academic Ranking of World Universities, Shanghai Jiao Tong Rankings for Hospitality and Tourism Management.

**Southern Cross University**

The School of Business and Tourism provides a suite of industry-relevant business management, tourism and information technology degrees, distinctive for their flexible learning and internship opportunities. Courses combine academic rigour with contemporary industry practice, giving students the skills to succeed in complex business environments.

**TAFE Queensland Gold Coast**

TAFE Queensland Gold Coast is a public education and vocational training provider that equips students with the knowledge and skills they need to quickly progress through the ranks in the tourism and hospitality industry. Students gain valuable office, marketing and business writing skills; learn how to manage staff rostering, budgeting and finances; and get experience in live service and supervisory roles in a restaurant training facility.

TAFE courses provide students with job-ready skills for the tourism industry in a range of sectors including airlines, travel agencies, tour wholesalers, inbound tour operations, visitor information centres and regional tourism offices.
Private Vocational Training Providers

The tourism and hospitality industry on the Gold Coast offers exciting and rewarding work environments. Our private training providers can assist students to pursue career opportunities in tourism that include, food and beverage attendant, catering assistant, chef, front office supervisor, customer relations officer or department manager. Students can complete short courses or certificate level courses in hospitality and tourism with the guidance and support needed to gain nationally recognised qualifications.

- Aurora Training Institute
- Envirotech Education
- Ignite Education
- Imagine Education
- Service Skills Academy
- Shafston College
- Strategix Academy

Tourism Research

Griffith University is a world leader in sustainable tourism research with research expertise at The Griffith Institute for Tourism leading a Sustainable Tourism and Climate Change strategic research program. The program focuses on how to ensure that tourism activity is sustainable (economically, environmentally, socially and culturally) and resilient to major pressures, such as climate change or resource depletion. Of particular interest to this program is tourism that occurs in the most vulnerable sites on our planet.

Tourism Careers and Employment

Job openings in Tourism are expected to remain high due to the transient nature of the industry and Australia’s tourism industry is forecast to experience an average annual growth over the next five years.

“We have a really diverse mix of nationalities across all of the language schools on the Gold Coast, due to the quality of the facilities, the location, the convenience and the overall lifestyle, which all connect with the experience and the student’s attraction to the Gold Coast.”

Richard Brown
Browns English, Language Schools
AMBITIONOUS ABOUT CULTURE AND THE ARTS

The Gold Coast is a young city, where anything is possible. It’s a place of vision and inspiration that attracts artists and students to learn, create and teach.

A new cultural precinct is underway on the Gold Coast that will be the new heart for arts, culture and creative enterprise and a destination for residents and visitors to our city. With new visual and performing arts facilities and a programmed outdoor Artscape, the Gold Coast Cultural Precinct will support the city’s already thriving cultural evolution.

The Gold Coast’s incredible growth in the arts and culture sector in recent years is a result of the City’s continued support, investment and recognition in creative communities, which is starting to make an impact both nationally and internationally.

Arts and culture provides employment through creative industries, allow expression and experimentation and drive economic growth through education, training and development, plus local and international investment.

Our private and public education and training providers are proud supports of the Gold Coast’s thriving arts and culture. They attract artists and academics to teach the next generations and offer many opportunities for students to discover the artistic career that suits them; from music, fine arts and literature to film, television and design.
A Showcase of creative education and training opportunities

**Bond University** offers Bachelor’s degree programs in arts, creative arts, architecture, interactive media and design as well as film and television, with courses designed for the next generation of artists and filmmakers. Bond students have access to state-of-the-art teaching facilities and equipment of the highest industry standards as well as accelerated degrees. Their academic teaching staff are accomplished industry professionals with a wealth of experience. Bond University’s degrees are founded on practical experience and provide students with the opportunity to work on projects within the creative industries, which helps students to gain hands-on experience and graduate with an extensive portfolio of work.

**Griffith University** is home to the Queensland College of Art (QCA) and has a thriving community of artists, designers and photographers that are pushing the boundaries of the visual and creative arts. They offer Bachelor’s degree programs in arts, creative and interactive media, design, digital media, industrial design and popular music. Students at the Gold Coast campus have access to world-class facilities, including art galleries, exhibition spaces, studios and computer labs and learn from some of the world’s leading creatives.

**Southern Cross University** offers the Bachelor of Laws and Creative Writing on its Gold Coast campus. A unique four-year combined degree in laws and creative writing that provides graduates with clear professional pathways as both legal and writing practitioners. Students gain fluency in written and oral expression, reading and research skills,
and above all, writing across a range of genres, both professional and imaginative. The course anchors creativity, imagination and expressiveness within a professional degree, with clear vocational outcomes in law, government and industry.

*TAFE Queensland* Gold Coast’s new campus at Coomera is a home for creators, innovators, entertainers and movie makers. This $26 million state-of-the-art facility offers an excellent creative learning experience for students on the Gold Coast. Nestled amongst natural bushland for the ultimate creative backdrop, the campus provides specialist delivery supported by state-of-the-art technologies such as computer labs, drawing rooms, sound recording and music rehearsal studios, digital video and editing suites and 3D motion capture and production control facilities. There is also a Black Box theatre, auditorium and Independent Learning Centre. Key areas of study include graphic design, interior design, information technology, screen media and Bachelor’s degree programs in contemporary music practice and interactive digital media and gaming design (via partnership programs with the University of Canberra).

A recent addition for creative Gold Coast students is the *New York Film Academy*, a private education and training provider, located at a state-of-the-art facility in the Southport CBD. Students enrolling at the New York Film Academy on the Gold Coast can choose from a wide selection of programs focused on providing them hands-on education in the different forms of visual storytelling. From filmmaking to acting, producing, screenwriting, documentary filmmaking and even 3D animation, the Academy in Australia offers students numerous opportunities to realise their ambitions on screen.
AMBITIOUS ABOUT THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The Gold Coast offers a study and work-life balance unachievable in most of the world’s major cities. The proximity of our education providers and professional environment to stunning beaches and lush rainforests enables an enviable lifestyle.

The city remains one of the most bio-diverse in Australia with natural habitats that are home to more than 700 animals and 1800 plant species. Our natural environment is an extraordinary asset and an integral part of our local identity and culture with 57 kilometres of coastline, 260 kilometres of navigable waterways, more than 2000 parks covering approximately 21,000 hectares and 100,000 hectares of world heritage-listed rainforests.

Every year thousands of international students come to the Gold Coast to study and live in Australia’s favourite classroom. Whether attending our schools, universities and training colleges, it is important to all of our education providers and support networks that we help international students make the most of their student experience in Australia by providing quality education, guidance and support.

The reasons for choosing the Gold Coast as a study destination are clear: enviable climate and lifestyle, affordability, a reputation for quality in student support, world-class rankings combined with employment and career outcomes. We really are the ‘Best Student City by the Beach’, in the world!
“MY UNIVERSITY IS ONLY FIVE MINUTES FROM THE BEACH, SO I ENJOY GOING FOR WALKS THERE IN MY DOWNTIME. THERE IS ALSO SUCH A GREAT RANGE OF TRENDY CAFES WITH ARTISTIC FLAIR, TO BE EXPLORED ALONG THE COAST AND IN THE SUBURBS.”

ROSE CAMILLE LOPEZ, BOND UNIVERSITY
BACHELOR OF LAWS/INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Mayor’s Gold Coast Student Ambassadors

The Mayor’s Student Ambassador Program was established to build and strengthen relationships between the Gold Coast community and the student population through cultural and social inclusion. The role of the student ambassadors is to share their experiences and promote the Gold Coast as the best student city to study, live and work.
Gold Coast Student Hub

Study Gold Coast is committed to enhancing the student experience as we work with education and training providers to build a thriving citywide student community.

The Student Hub is an exciting new initiative that was co-funded by the Queensland Government and City of Gold Coast council, to provide a welcoming space, which is freely available for students to visit, share and connect with their friends and colleagues. With the support from our local community we aim to ensure that students have a positive experience as guests in our city and at the Student Hub.

The first of its kind for the Gold Coast, the Student Hub is about connecting domestic and international students with our city. Visitors to the Student Hub will have access to free Wi-Fi, information, support and helpful contacts to assist you in your student journey and to make the most of your time here on the Gold Coast.

The facilities of the Student Hub have been designed by students for students, both domestic and international, from our Gold Coast universities, TAFE campuses, vocational education and English language colleges.

In the Southport, Gold Coast CBD, the Hub is easily accessible for students via public transport networks using local bus and tram services.

Study Gold Coast encourages alumni, academic and professional staff, our industry partners and networks connected to higher education on the Gold Coast, to engage with the student community through the Student Hub and participate in its learning opportunities, networking and social events.
About Study Gold Coast

Study Gold Coast is focused on four main areas in the promotion of education and training for Queensland and the City of Gold Coast.

The key pillars of our strategy are to unite the education sector, local businesses and the Gold Coast community in order to promote, educate and grow our education and training sector both nationally and internationally.

These main areas of focus are:

- city positioning
- student experience
- student/talent attraction and retention
- employability

The not-for-profit is membership-based and represented by a Committee, chaired by former Queensland Premier Rob Borbidge AO. Institutional members include Southern Cross University, Griffith University, Bond University and TAFE Queensland Gold Coast.

Study Gold Coast has more than 40 ordinary members, which includes a collective of Registered Training Organisations (RTOs), English Language Schools and High Schools. The organisation engages with more than 20 associate members, which includes tourism operators and homestay networks.
Education and training support

Study Gold Coast is the peak education and training body for the Gold Coast, promoting the city as the ideal destination for education and training on a domestic and international scale.

Study Gold Coast aims to educate the community about the value of the sector, provide meaningful student experiences and promote the economic value of the industry in order to expand the city’s talent pool, attract more employers and add depth to the city’s social fabric.

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