



Charles Sturt
University

Working together:
School engagement guide





Yindyamarra winhanganha

The Wiradjuri phrase yindyamarra winhanganha means: the wisdom of respectfully knowing how to live well in a world worth living in.

This phrase represents who we are at Charles Sturt – our ethos. It comes from traditional First Nations knowledge, but it also speaks to the vision of the university – to develop and spread wisdom to make the world a better place.

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Our purpose

Our purpose is to raise aspiration, encourage excitement and widen participation for all students considering studying at university. We achieve this by executing a range of activities with the aim of exposing potential students to a diverse range of courses and careers.

Our activities are aligned with curriculum and designed with a strong focus on academic preparedness and achievement. We have a strong focus on ensuring that students from equity groups, such as first in family and First Nations, are empowered to make informed decisions about their educational and vocational futures.

Our mission

Our mission is to broaden students' exposure to diverse careers and courses, empowering them to make informed decisions about their educational and vocational paths. We strive to familiarise them with the world of university study, emphasising the advantages of higher education, addressing potential barriers, and instilling confidence as they consider tertiary education as a viable option for their future careers.

Our objectives

These include:

- elevating aspiration for university study
- enhancing awareness of post-school options
- discussing various pathway options
- engaging with parents to provide support in guiding their children through post-secondary opportunities.

Where we are



Our campuses are in some of the fastest growing regional cities in New South Wales. Living and learning regionally come with perks.

The cost of living is generally lower than the city, students can adventure in their own backyard, and the nearest capital city is within close reach.

All our campuses include a library and learning commons, as well as a First Nations student centre and a full range of support services.

These are just some of the reasons why our campuses attract students from across Australia and the world. We also have city campuses and centres in Canberra and Wangaratta for select courses.

A home away from home

Campus city	What to expect	Population*	Travel
Albury-Wodonga	Twin cities and a uniquely eco-friendly campus.	97,793	✈️ 1 hour to Melbourne 🚗 3.5 hours to Melbourne
Bathurst	All the perks of the big city – minus the hefty price tag.	43,567	🚗 3 hours to Sydney
Canberra	Australia's unique capital city, surrounded by bushland.	454,499	✈️ 1 hour to Melbourne ✈️ 1 hour to Sydney
Dubbo	A tight-knit community at the heart of Central West NSW.	38,783	✈️ 1 hour to Sydney 🚗 5 hours to Sydney
Melbourne	The bustling coastal capital of Victoria.	4,917,750	✈️ 1 hour to Canberra ✈️ 1.5 hour to Sydney
Orange	A vibrant country town with a gourmet food scene.	43,512	✈️ 50 minutes to Sydney 🚗 3.5 hours to Sydney
Port Macquarie	Enjoy the sand between your toes at our coastal campus.	86,762	✈️ 1 hour to Sydney 🚗 4 hours to Sydney
Sydney	The biggest, and most iconic, city in Australia.	5,231,147	✈️ 1 hour to Canberra ✈️ 1.5 hour to Melbourne
Wagga Wagga	The largest inland city in NSW and our biggest campus.	67,609	✈️ 1 hour to Sydney / Melbourne 🚗 5 hours to Sydney / Melbourne
Wangaratta	A lively town with a diverse café, shopping and arts precinct.	29,800	✈️ 55 minutes to Melbourne 🚗 2.5 hour to Melbourne

→ study.csu.edu.au/locations

*ABS, 2021 Census



School workshops

From aspiration to action. Building future confidence, one year at a time.

At Charles Sturt, we offer a program of engaging, year-level specific workshops and presentations for Years 7–12 that are designed to grow with your students.

Each workshop is mapped to the Australian Blueprint for Career Development and the NSW K–12 Career Learning Framework, making it easy for teachers to embed career learning and aspiration-building across the school years.



Our programs work with you, for your students

Curriculum-aligned

Mapped to the Australian Blueprint and K–12 Career Framework.

Flexible delivery

In-school, on campus or online.

No cost

Completely free for your school.

Convenient

Workshops are designed to fit a standard 45-minute class duration.

Customisable

We'll tailor sessions to meet your learning needs.

Measurable impact

Post-session quizzes and outcome summaries provided.

Talk to us about tailoring a program for your school

Get in touch with our Future Student Engagement team directly via email: schools@csu.edu.au

Or scan the QR code to complete the school engagement booking form and we'll respond as soon as possible.

→ study.csu.edu.au/school-visits



Year 7–9 workshop series

These workshops are all about sparking curiosity and planting seeds for the future. They're interactive, fun, and delivered by our team and our student ambassadors – giving students relatable role models and real stories.

All sessions are 45–60 minutes and available in-school or on campus.

Year 7

Career hunt

A QR-based scavenger hunt to explore careers in a fun, active way. This one is perfect for sparking interest in choosing a career early.

Year 8

Career connections

A board game-style simulation of real career pathways, designed to get students thinking critically about their future.

Year 9

What, who, why?

A quiz-show style challenge that unpacks the myths and truths of university, TAFE and post-school life.

Year 10 workshop

Year 10 is a pivotal time for decision-making. This workshop is designed to help students make confident, informed choices as they prepare for the senior years.

It supports students in:

Subject selection

Exploring how picking the right subjects can link to career and further study pathways.

Career direction

Reflecting on personal strengths and interests using our interactive career cards.

How to study

Developing foundational study skills for senior success – learn how to study.

Year 11–12 workshop series

Our senior presentations and workshops support Year 11 and 12 students as they explore post-school pathways and prepare for life beyond the classroom.

Designed to inform and inspire, these sessions combine practical guidance with real student insights to help students make confident, future-focused decisions.

Flexible in format, they can be delivered as engaging presentations to whole year groups or as interactive workshops for smaller cohorts.

The senior years presentation

An engaging presentation delivered by Charles Sturt's Future Students Engagement team, featuring real insights from our student ambassadors. This presentation is designed to inform, inspire and empower Year 11 and 12 students to make confident decisions about their future.

What it covers

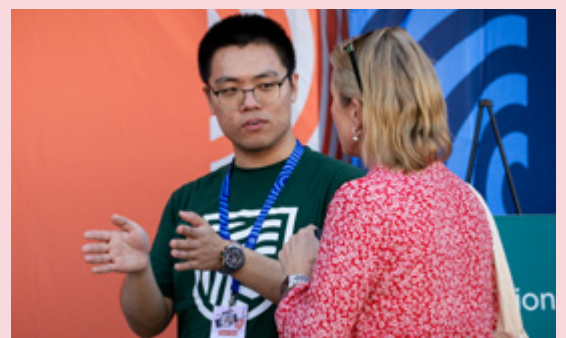
- Why university might be the right fit: pathways, opportunities and outcomes.
- Life at Charles Sturt: campuses, courses, support and the student experience.
- Early offer options (e.g. Charles Sturt Advantage, SRS).
- Tips on applying to university and understanding ATAR, selection rank, scholarships and more.
- The benefits of studying regionally and online.
- Insights from current students and graduates.



Customised options available for TAFE-focused or non-ATAR streams.

Pathways and early offer presentation

This presentation focuses specifically on pathway options available to students (e.g. TAFE, enabling courses and the Charles Sturt Advantage). We will also cover information about applying through UAC and the SRS process.



HSC study skills workshop

Developed by Charles Sturt's Academic Skills team, this practical workshop helps students build effective study habits in the lead-up to their HSC.

Students explore their learning preferences, time management strategies and memory techniques through hands-on activities and self-assessment. They'll leave with a toolkit of evidence-based study tips, including active recall, breaking tasks down, managing distractions and creating a personalised study routine that works.



Student panel

Available on campus or online, this relaxed Q&A session features a panel of current Charles Sturt students sharing their uni journeys, challenges and tips for success.

From choosing a course to balancing study, work and social life, students get honest insights into what university is really like – plus the chance to ask their own questions. It's a relatable, inspiring session that helps break down myths and build confidence.

Charles Sturt Advantage (CSA) workshop

These are hands-on sessions to assist students with their Charles Sturt advantage applications including:

- accessing their year 11 results
- tips on writing their responses
- how to pick course preferences
- and more!



Helpful resources

For careers
advisers

Careers advisers hub

We know your role as a careers adviser is complex, so we've put together a list of helpful resources to support you. And of course, the Future Student team is always here to answer any questions you – and your students – might have!

→ study.csu.edu.au/careers-advisers

Subscribe to our newsletter

Our newsletters are your go-to for valuable information. Each month, we'll send you updates on all the exciting things happening at Charles Sturt and highlight opportunities for your students.



→ info.csu.edu.au/careers-adviser-newsletter



Download our course guide

Get the latest course information:

→ study.csu.edu.au/courses

Download our current guide:

→ study.csu.edu.au/ug-guide

For printed copies:

→ info.csu.edu.au/request-ug-guides



Tailor a program for your students

Complete the school engagement booking form using the link below and we'll respond as soon as possible.

→ study.csu.edu.au/school-visits

Helpful resources

For students
and parents

Students can study a course in anything they're passionate about and have a whole heap of fun along the way. Whatever they want to achieve – they can, here.

And we know parents want piece-of-mind about their child going to university. These resources can help provide everything they needed to know about studying at Charles Sturt.

Year 10 students hub

Check out our Year 10 guide which includes tips for choosing Year 11 and 12 subjects, future career ideas and ways to get into uni.

→ study.csu.edu.au/year-10

HSC study hub

These guides offer resources, information and advice that will help students during preparation for your HSC.

→ info.csu.edu.au/hsc-guides

Parents and guardians hub

Discover everything parents and guardians need to know about being part of our community.

→ study.csu.edu.au/parents

School leavers hub

Download our resources – including senior student, study and living on campus guides, and our exam and study planners.

→ study.csu.edu.au/school-leaver

Live chat with us

We want your students to secure their dream career – just like you do. Chat with us online to discuss the best way to support them through their exams.

→ csu.edu.au/contacts

Scholarships and grants

We have over \$11 million in scholarships and grants available each year to help students with their studies and make university more affordable.

→ study.csu.edu.au/scholarships



Discover what life is like at Charles Sturt

Our range of on-campus events, like Open Day and Explore Day, are designed to give students a taste of uni life. These events help students navigate their future options – whether it's uni, TAFE or career opportunities.

Explore Day

Students in Year 10, 11 or 12 can get hands-on and discover what's possible at Explore Day. They can have fun with practical experiences in our facilities, learn about the courses they're interested in and check out all the services and support Charles Sturt offers.

→ csu.edu.au/exploreday



Open Day

Discover what uni life is like. Tour our campuses, attend course info sessions and explore our expo hub for one-to-one advice. Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

→ csu.edu.au/openday



Customise in-person and virtual events

Talk to us about booking customised on-campus or online events for your school. This includes accommodation and on-campus tours, workshops, and presentations.

→ study.csu.edu.au/events



Campus tours

Campus tours are perfect for giving students a taste of what it's like to be at university.

Your students and their families can take a peek at our accommodation, student common areas, the library and learning spaces.

Campus tours can be tailored to match the interests of your students. If they're wondering about a specific course, we can customise the tour to show them the relevant facilities – whether that's a laboratory, TV studio or farm, we'll make it happen!

They'll also have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss all things Charles Sturt.



For more information

→ study.csu.edu.au/campus-tours

✉ schools@csu.edu.au

Everyone's journey to uni is different

Students take many different paths to uni – and not all of them involve a stellar ATAR (or one at all). That's no worries – we have lots of ways to help them get into their dream course.

Enabling courses

Brush up on their academic skills with a university preparation course. They could get guaranteed entry into a range of degrees – or even subject credits.

Access Charles Sturt Entry

This is for anyone wanting to take the first step toward being ready to study an undergraduate degree.

The free, six-month course is designed to help students develop the skills and confidence needed to succeed at university.

Undergraduate Certificate in University Preparation

This course is for those students who might not have received the ATAR they needed for their dream course.

Students will develop academic skills and choose subjects like science, maths, writing and history to match their future study goals.

Upon successful completion, students get guaranteed entry into a wide range of Charles Sturt bachelor's degrees and undergraduate certificates.

Recognition of Prior Learning

Get recognition for the skills, knowledge and experiences they've acquired through work, life, training or self-directed study.



Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program

Apply through UAC. We look at their Year 11 results and their school's rating of abilities. If they're successful, they could receive an offer before they sit the HSC/VTAC (see page 16).

Connections – First Nations Direct Entry Program

Students can join other First Nations people in a five-day intensive program, with educational and cultural activities. They could walk away with an offer into a degree or preparation course (see page 18).

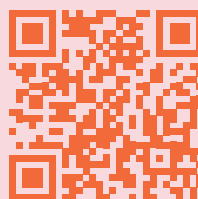


Access schemes

Get special consideration for entry if finance, family, illness, cultural or legal issues have affected their chances of study success.

TAFE to uni pathways

Have they got a TAFE or VET qualification? They can get recognition for the experience they've gained – they could get credit or guaranteed entry into lots of our courses.



Learn more

→ study.csu.edu.au/pathways

Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program

Quick stats

- Over 50 undergraduate courses available.
- Most students who apply and are eligible will receive an offer (if the student does not get an offer for one of their preferences, we will offer them a pathway course).
- Exclusive grants, events, newsletter, Facebook group, merchandise and support are provided for CSA students.
- It is really easy to apply – students apply online by uploading their Year 11 results, and answer three questions on motivation, empathy and resilience.

Support



Book an in-school presentation or hands on workshops to assist with applications.

→ study.csu.edu.au/school-visits



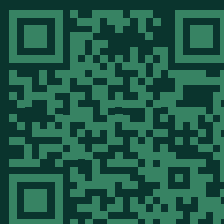
Subscribe to the career adviser newsletter to get updates on CSA.

→ info.csu.edu.au/careers-adviser-newsletter

Application dates

For application dates and to find out more

→ csu.edu.au/advantage



Eligibility

Students have to meet the following criteria to be eligible for an offer:

- Student must be in Year 12, have completed Year 11 and is an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen.
- Students are eligible if on a non-ATAR pathway (they must complete their HSC).
- Conditional offers available for students completing a Cert III based on completion of their certificate.



“Being accepted into my degree through the Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program allowed me to pursue what I wanted to do by giving me a deep sense of security and relief, knowing that my future was set on the path I had always envisioned. It also allowed me to focus fully on my studies and personal growth without the constant worry of whether or not I would be able to achieve my goals.”

Olivia Barton

Bachelor of Education (K-12)
CSA student

Frequently asked questions

How can I see which of my students have applied?

Contact schools@csu.edu.au to request an updated list.

Do I need to do anything in the process?

No. The student needs to submit their application online and there is no requirement for teacher or school involvement.

If they want to change their preferences after they have applied – what do they do?

Have your student email advantage@csu.edu.au with their updated preferences before the close date for that round.

Are all offers unconditional?

Almost all offers are firm offers, based on completion of Year 12. A small amount of conditional offers are given to some of our most competitive courses.

Can the students defer their offer?

Yes. You can defer if your course normally allows for deferrals (this is the case for almost all of our undergrad courses).

Courses which can't be deferred:

- Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Port Macquarie only)
- Bachelor of Nursing (Online and Port Macquarie)
- Bachelor of Paramedicine (Online and Port Macquarie)
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Watch the online information session, or find out more about CSA

→ csu.edu.au/advantage

First Nations students

Connections First Nations Direct Entry Program

For students in Year 12, we offer a five-day Connections program at the end of the year.

Students can review the courses that are part of the program then register for Connections and tell us their preferred course.

They will have an opportunity to Yarn with experienced First Nations staff in a culturally safe environment. We can help them choose the course that's right for them and explain the support available within the university.

After the five-day program, they'll either receive a direct offer into selected bachelor's degrees, or into a university preparation course which provides guaranteed entry to many bachelor's degrees.

We will arrange travel, accommodation and meals for eligible participants.

Please note this program is only for Indigenous Australian people.

If you'd like to speak with our friendly team about the program, please contact firstnations@csu.edu.au.

Find out more

→ [csu.edu.au/
firstnations](https://csu.edu.au/firstnations)



Grow your career and connect with mob at the university where you belong

We are proud to be a leading university in providing aspiration building and services for First Nations people.

Our degrees offer a culturally safe avenue to becoming a nurse, teacher, early childhood educator, social worker and more.

Your First Nations students might feel more confident about university study when they understand what's available to help them succeed.

Our First Nations Student Connect services are outlined on our website, and keep an eye out for specific First Nations aspiration building events.

Find out more

→ csu.edu.au/firstnations





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