




Charles Sturt  
University

Working Together:  
School Engagement  
Guide 2025







# 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.



## 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

Our objectives include:

- elevating aspiration for university study
- introducing the concept of lifelong learning
- enhancing awareness of post-school options
- discussing various pathway options
- boosting students' educational attainment during their school years
- engaging with parents to provide support in guiding their children through post-secondary opportunities.



# Our campuses

Discover your new home

Campus location	What to expect	Population	Travel
Albury-Wodonga	Twin cities and Australia's first sustainable university 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.	43,500	 2.5 hours to Sydney
Dubbo	A tight-knit community at the heart of Central West New South Wales.	38,700	 1 hour to Sydney  5 hours to Sydney
Orange	A vibrant country town with a gourmet food scene.	43,500	 50 minutes to Sydney  3.5 hours to Sydney
Port Macquarie	Our coastal campus – where you can enjoy the sand between your toes.	86,700	 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 hours to Melbourne
Wagga Wagga	The largest inland city in NSW and our biggest campus.	67,600	 1 hour to Sydney / Melbourne  5 hours to Sydney / Melbourne

Wagga Wagga



Albury-Wodonga



VICTORIA

Melbourne



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Our campuses are in some of the fastest growing regional cities in New South Wales. Living and learning regionally comes 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, police recruitment training at Goulburn, and centres in Canberra and Wangaratta for select courses.



# Workshops and presentations

Our workshops and presentations are an opportunity to bring thought-provoking, engaging and educational activities straight to students – whether it be in school, on a Charles Sturt campus or online.

## Career Connections

A hybrid of Monopoly and The Game of Life, students will navigate the board and face obstacles, replicating real-life scenarios. Roll the dice to see if you land on your feet (with a scholarship to university) or land in trouble (missing your assignment deadline).

Year group	7–8
Duration	45–60 minutes
Delivery mode	On campus or in school
Availability	Terms 1–4 (by negotiation)

## Career Canvas

Students reflect on their interests and passions through a ‘future you’ mood board. The workshop wraps up with a quiz testing students’ knowledge about careers and university.

Year group	7–8
Duration	45–60 minutes
Delivery mode	On campus or in school
Availability	Terms 1–4 (by negotiation)

## Career Hunt

Students explore a range of different careers through this learning project. Students scan QR codes that are posted around the room, which then prompt questions for students to research.

Year group	7–8
Duration	45–60 minutes
Delivery mode	On campus or in school
Availability	Terms 1–4 (by negotiation)

## Finding Your Purpose

Discover more about your purpose with a vision board and personal branding exercise.

Year group	7–10
Duration	45–60 minutes
Delivery mode	Online, on campus or in school
Availability	Terms 1–4 (by negotiation)

## What, Who, Why

What, Who, Why is a game show style activity where students are tested on their knowledge about university, TAFE, why people choose to go to uni and what job opportunities are available after graduation.

Year group	9–10
Duration	45–60 minutes
Delivery mode	On campus or in school
Availability	Terms 1–4 (by negotiation)

## Building meaningful connections

Students explore practical strategies for building strong bonds through engaging activities and conversations. Gain insights from current university students sharing their firsthand experiences of finding meaningful connections.

Year group	7–12
Duration	45–60 minutes
Delivery mode	Online, on campus or in school
Availability	Terms 1–4 (by negotiation)

## The ABC of University – ‘Academics, Balance and Confidence’

Starting university can be a big life change. We’ll discuss what it’s like to study at university and some things to expect in your first year.

Hear from some of our current students regarding their experiences and how they’ve overcome obstacles.

Year group	11–12
Duration	30–45 minutes
Delivery mode	Online, on campus or in school
Availability	Terms 1–4 (by negotiation)



## Early offer and alternate pathways

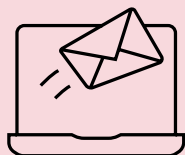
We'll discuss pathway options available to students (TAFE, enabling courses, Charles Sturt Advantage). We will also cover info about applying through UAC and the SRS process.

Year group	11-12
Duration	30 minutes
Delivery mode	Online, on campus or in school
Availability	Terms 3-4

## All things Charles Sturt

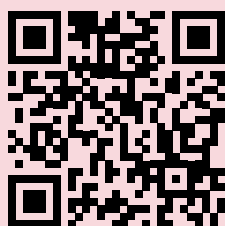
Find out about all things Charles Sturt! Discover our campus locations and course offerings – plus get a taste of what it's like to study with us.

Year group	11-12
Duration	40-60 minutes
Delivery mode	Online, on campus or in school
Availability	Terms 3-4



## Ready to book a workshop?

Get in touch with our Future Student Engagement team directly via email: [schools@csu.edu.au](mailto:schools@csu.edu.au). Or book a school engagement workshop below and we'll respond as soon as possible.



→ [study.csu.edu.au/school-visits](https://study.csu.edu.au/school-visits)









# Helpful resources for careers advisers

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!

## Careers advisers hub

All the information you need to help students prepare for university.

→ [study.csu.edu.au/career-advisers](https://study.csu.edu.au/career-advisers)

## Newsletters

These 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. Email your details and we'll sign you up.

✉ [schools@csu.edu.au](mailto:schools@csu.edu.au)

## Scholarships and grants

We have hundreds of scholarships and grants available each year to help students with their studies and make university more affordable.

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



## Student support

From health and wellbeing to study and careers, we'll connect students with personalised support to help them succeed from start to finish. Study support isn't just a safety net, it's a crucial part of the overall Charles Sturt experience.

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





## Helpful resources for parents and students

### Parents and guardians hub

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

→ [study.csu.edu.au/parents](https://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](https://study.csu.edu.au/school-leaver)

### 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](https://study.csu.edu.au/year-10)

## Download our course guide

Get the latest course information:

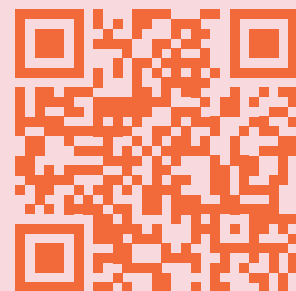
→ [study.csu.edu.au/courses](https://study.csu.edu.au/courses)

Download our current guide:

→ [study.csu.edu.au/ug-guide](https://study.csu.edu.au/ug-guide)

For printed copies, please email:

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# Discover what life is like at Charles Sturt

At Charles Sturt, we're geographically gifted. We have campuses in beautiful regional Australia, where you can study by the beach, among the gum trees or in the heart of the city.

## 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](https://csu.edu.au/exploreday)



## Open Day

Discover what uni life is like! 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](https://csu.edu.au/openday)



## In-person and virtual events

Get a taste of what uni life is like at our on-campus and online events. Check out our facilities and accommodation, discover student clubs and committees, and see what's possible.

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





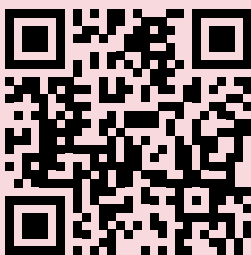
## Campus tours

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'll 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. Contact [schools@csu.edu.au](mailto:schools@csu.edu.au) for more information or visit the link below.



→ [study.csu.edu.au/campus-tours](https://study.csu.edu.au/campus-tours)



# Everyone's journey to uni is different

That's why Charles Sturt has a number of enabling courses. They prepare students for university study – and give guaranteed entry into most of our bachelor's degrees.

## Access Charles Sturt Entry

Access Charles Sturt Entry is for anyone wanting to take the first step toward being ready to study an undergraduate degree.

The course is designed to help students develop the skills and confidence needed to succeed at university. This free, six-month course provides guaranteed entry into the Undergraduate Certificate in University Preparation – which then guarantees entry and credit into a future bachelor degree.

## Undergraduate Certificate in University Preparation

The Undergraduate Certificate in University Preparation is for those students who might not have received the ATAR they needed for their dream course.

During the course, students will develop academic skills and choose subjects across the disciplines of science, maths, writing and history to match their future study goals. Upon successful completion of this course, students get guaranteed entry into a wide range of Charles Sturt bachelor's degrees and undergraduate certificates.

Find more information, including entry requirements:

→ [study.csu.edu.au/enabling-courses](https://study.csu.edu.au/enabling-courses)







## First Nations students

### Connections First Nations Direct Entry Program

Connections is our dedicated admission pathway for First Nations students. It's a five-day on-campus experience that can lead to guaranteed entry to many of our bachelor's degrees.

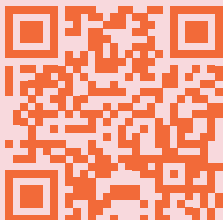
During the Connections program participants get a chance to:

- meet staff and fellow participants
- discover our dedicated First Nations support services
- complete a range of activities to determine suitability for their chosen course.

And, we cover travel, accommodation and food!

Those who successfully complete the program will receive an offer to study with us. If a participant isn't successful, that's no problem – we can get them started with a university preparation course.

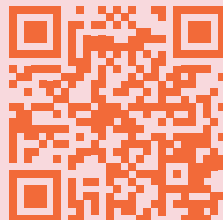
If you'd like to speak with our friendly team about the program, please contact Carlie Gemmell, Program Coordinator at [firstnations@csu.edu.au](mailto:firstnations@csu.edu.au).



Find out more



[study.csu.edu.au/connections](https://study.csu.edu.au/connections)



Start your journey



[study.csu.edu.au/first-nations](https://study.csu.edu.au/first-nations)

## Deadly Pathways Festivals

Each year our First Nations team facilitate the Deadly Pathways Festivals. These festivals are all about celebrating First Nations success.

- Meet First Nations role models in science, technology, and health.
- Engage in insightful workshops led by Charles Sturt academics, and dive into hands-on activities that will ignite students' curiosity and passion for learning.
- Find out about support for entry and success as a future student.
- Join a guided campus tour.

**Find out more** → [study.csu.edu.au/deadly-pathways-festival](https://study.csu.edu.au/deadly-pathways-festival)

# Charles Sturt Advantage

We get that Year 12 is a big year. There's so much pressure placed on students to study hard, do well in their exams, achieve a sky-high ATAR, go to uni and land their dream job.

The thing is... we know that some people have strengths that sit outside the world of academia. So we're looking for people with special soft skills – skills that might not always be reflected in students' academic or exam results.

## Soft skills are the skills of the future

They're skills like emotional intelligence, empathy, collaboration, communication, resilience and a commitment to creating a world worth living in. They're valued by employers and help your students excel – because they're important for any job, in any industry.

We value these skills and want to reward your Year 12 students for having these special qualities. That's why we're changing the way they can apply for an early offer to Charles Sturt.

## Get the advantage

If your students are successful, they'll unlock a world of possibilities. Not only will they receive a study offer before they sit exams, they'll also become part of an exclusive program that will support them as they transition to become an official Charles Sturt student.

## How it works

We'll look at the student's Year 11 results and their soft skills, not just their final ATAR. To get the advantage, they'll apply online and answer three simple questions to show they have what it takes to make an impact in their community.

If successful, the student could get an early offer to study one of our undergraduate degrees before they sit exams. We offer almost all of our undergraduate courses through the program.

Our future students team can come to your school and provide your students with all the information they'll need to prepare their Charles Sturt Advantage application.

Plus, every student who applies will be automatically considered for exclusive scholarships.



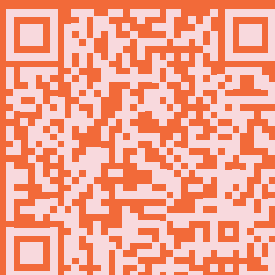
“Being accepted into my degree through the Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program allowed me to pursue what I wanted to do by giving me a deep sense of security and relief, knowing that my future was set on the path I had always envisioned. It also allowed me to focus fully on my studies and personal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

**Olivia Barton**  
Charles Sturt Advantage student  
Bachelor of Education (K-12)



“Being accepted into the Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program provided me with the confidence to complete my HSC exams without the stress of worrying about my university admission for my degree.”

**Gabriella Ford**  
Charles Sturt Advantage student  
Bachelor of Nursing  
Course CRICOS: 010599C, 0101019  
(Port Macquarie)



## View application dates

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



# Meet the team

Our Future Student Engagement team are based across all of our Charles Sturt campuses, including our newest location in Sydney. As a team, they look after all engagement activities for future students, from school visits and workshops, to campus tours and on-campus events.

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