# Orientation at UQ Faculty of Science

**St Lucia Campus**

# Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.

*The Brisbane River* pattern from *A Guidance Through Time*
by Casey Coolwell and Kyra Mancktelow.

# Statement of Inclusion

We encourage you to be your true self and feel comfortable.

If there is anything we can do to help make you feel more included in the event, please don’t hesitate to let us know.

Everyone is welcome to use whatever methods they need to feel comfortable.

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# What is Orientation?

The Orientation event program is split over two weeks, O-Week and Connect Week, and held at the beginning of each semester.

**O-Week (16-20 Feb 2026)** provides academic activities introducing you to university life.

**Connect Week (23-27 Feb 2026)** features events and networking opportunities to help you meet and connect with others.

O-Week can be categorised into two major aspects.

1. Orientation activities run by your faculty. These are faculty-specific sessions and activities that are related to your program and the broader Faculty of Science community. **This is the focus of this presentation.**

2. Orientation events run by UQ. These activities are for all students in all faculties. This includes things like Market Day, study skills workshops and campus tours.

# Why attend Orientation?

Attending Orientation provides a smoother transition into your new learning environment by familiarising you with campus and support services. It also helps you build a sense of community by connecting with other students and staff.

Benefits of attending:

- Get to know the campus and start finding your way around
- Introduction to student life and support services
- Meet your peers and build connections
- Address any questions you have
- Make sure you’re on track to start your studies.

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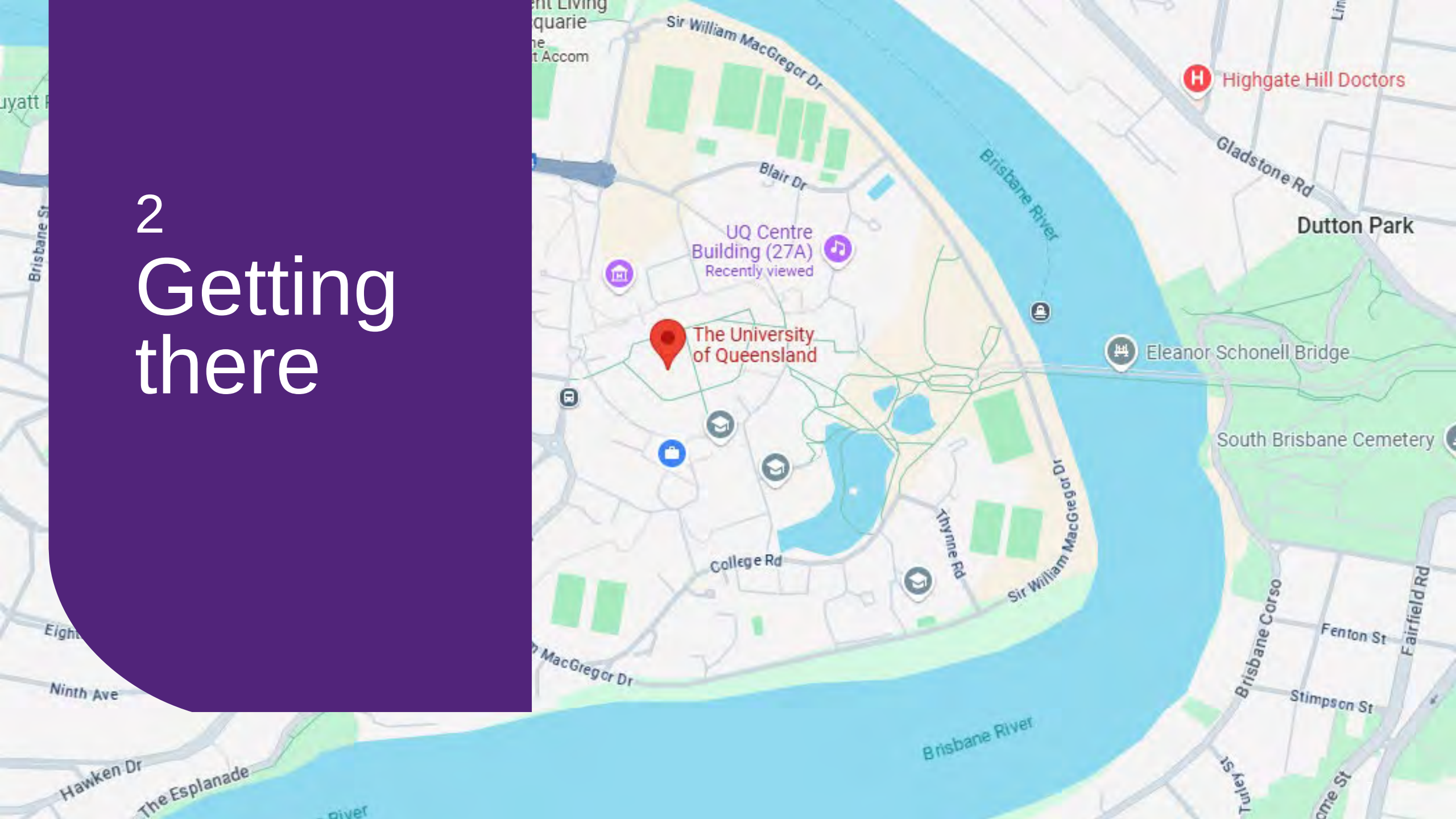
# Getting there



# Maps

**To find your building**, we suggest putting the building name into Google Maps. Yes, it has building names and numbers!

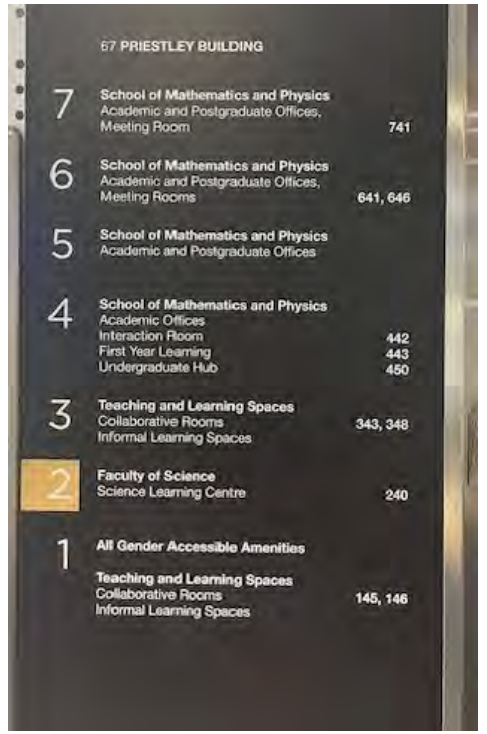
*For example:*
*Advanced Engineering Building (49) = building 49*

The **Great Court** is the best place to get oriented at UQ. It's right in the heart of campus, and easy to find your way from there.

**To find a specific room**, UQ Maps can help you. It shows building room numbers.
https://maps.uq.edu.au

Or you can walk inside and find directions in the foyer.

Generally, the room numbers indicate the level.
*For example:*
*room 240 = level 2*
*room 150 = level 1*



# Driving

There is a high demand for parking on St Lucia campus, so we recommend taking public transport. St Lucia campus is conveniently serviced by more than 10 direct bus routes from the Brisbane CBD and outer suburbs.

If you wish to drive, the main road into St Lucia campus is **Sir Fred Schonell Drive.** There are paid parking options around campus.

https://campuses.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/parking-transport/parking/locations/st-lucia

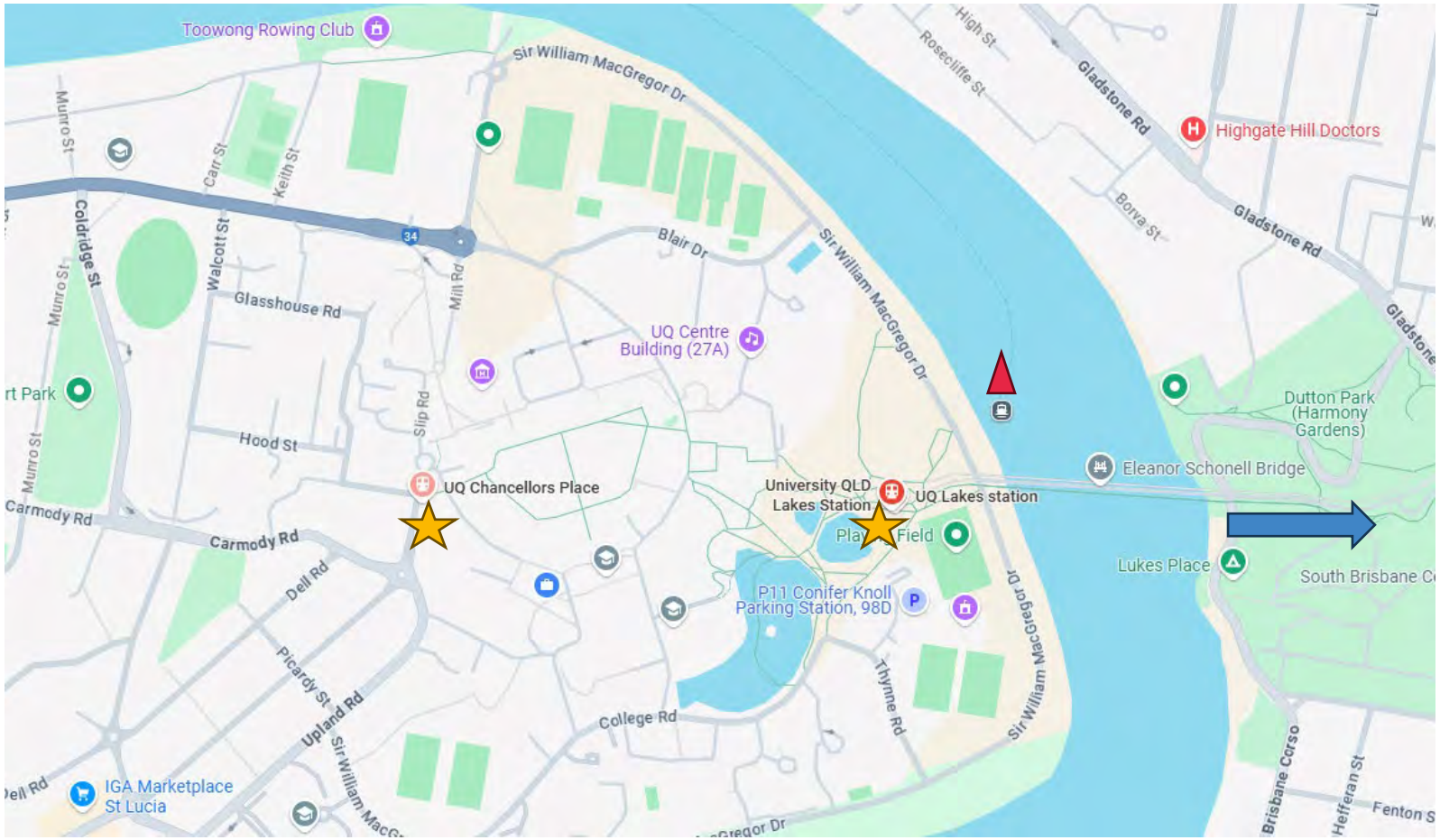
# Drop off

If you are getting dropped off, a good drop off point is on 1 University Drive.

You can walk through the sandstone building (Forgan Smith Building) directly into the heart of campus, the Great Court.

# Public Transport

- There are 2 bus stops on UQ St Lucia campus
  - UQ Lakes (mostly coming from southside suburbs)
  - Chancellors Place (mostly if coming from northside or City)
- 1 Ferry stop
- No train on campus, but still close!




Use TransLink to find your quickest route:
https://jp.translink.com.au/plan-your-journey/journey-planner

# Bus – UQ Lakes

Accessing the campus from UQ Lakes takes about 5-10 minutes. Be ready to do a lot of walking.

You can either choose to walk straight up the stairs (or elevator) into and through the UQ Union complex or walk around following the UQ Sustainability Walk.

# Bus

UQ Lakes
bus station

**Click image to play videos**

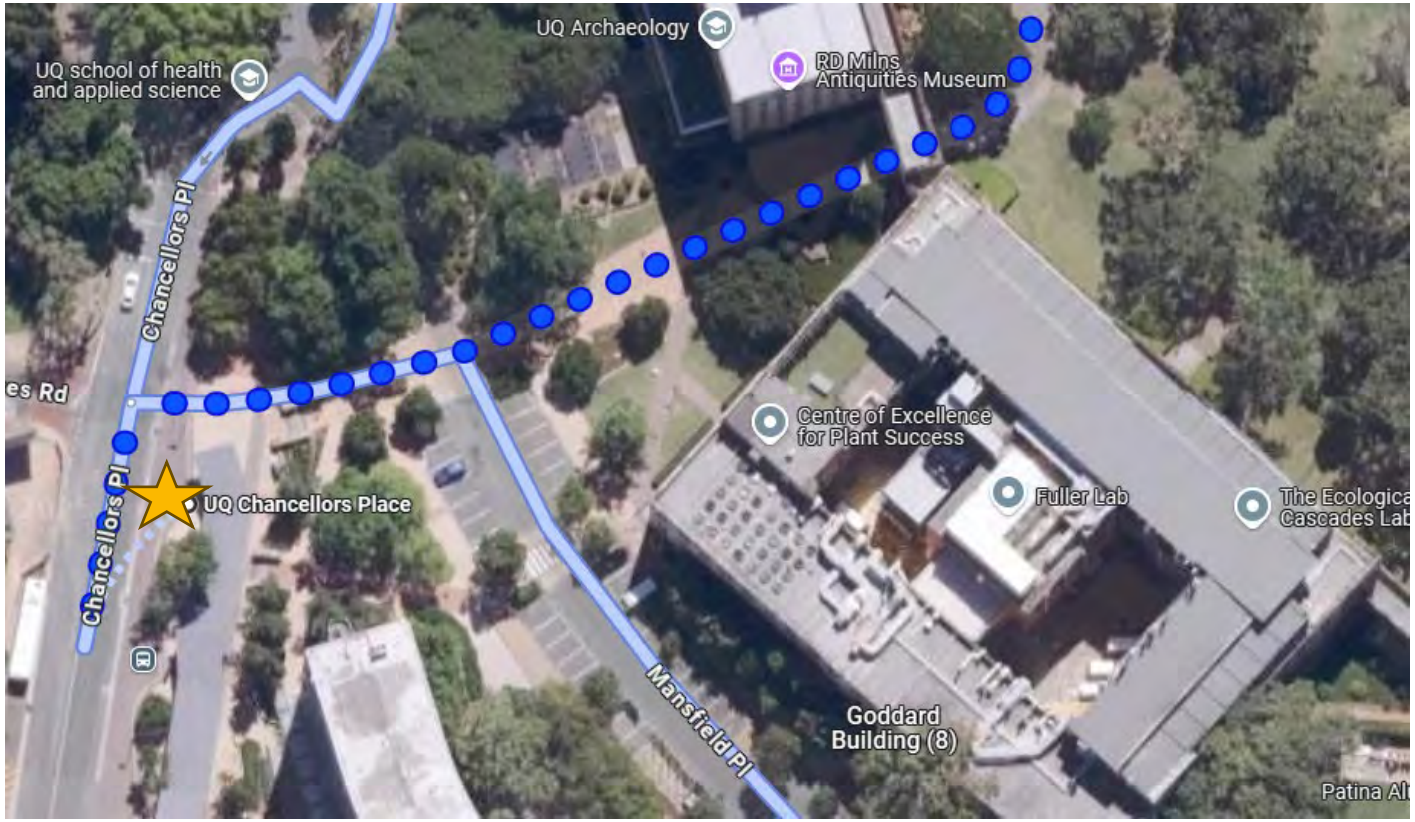
Walk up to
Union Complex

Sustainability
walk

# Chancellors Place Bus stop

Chancellors Place is on ground level and doesn't require walking up any hills or stairs, however it might be further away from the building you need.

Plan for a 10-minute walk across campus to find your building.



# Bus

Chancellors Place
bus station

**Click image to watch video**

Video shows stairs but there is also a ramp right next to it.

# Ferry

Ferry station

The ferry stop is close to the UQ Lakes bus stop- about a 2-minute walk. Once you reach the bus stop, you can follow the instructions above to get up into the campus.

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# About the event

# Science Orientation Day

Science Orientation day has two main components.

1. Presenting you with information you need to make a successful start at UQ and connecting you with your fellow students.
2. The Mini Expo – here you will be able to explore UQ services, find snacks and merch.

| | St Lucia General Schedule |
|---|---|
| 10am | Market Day in The Great Court (optional) |
| 12:45pm | Registration<br>Faculty of Science welcome + activities |
| 1:30pm | Academic address<br>- what to expect in classes<br>- what we expect from you. |
| 2:15pm | Program session (only selected programs. You will be told on the day) |
| 2:30pm | Mini Expo at Student Central |

Postgraduate students in the School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences have a different schedule. Please refer to the Faculty of Science Orientation website.

# What to bring

Make sure you are ready to walk a lot, talk a lot and learn a lot of new information.

Here's a few things we suggest:

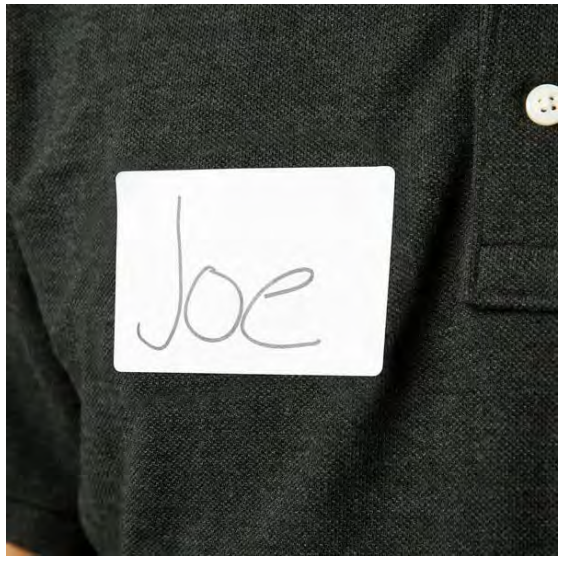
- Wear casual clothing. We recommend wearing a hat or sunscreen, and comfortable shoes for walking.
- Bring a water bottle, notebook and pen to take notes, and a list of any questions you have.
- Get to Orientation early. If you are late, you may find it harder to find your rooms and meet people.
- Ensure you have worked through Starting at UQ and watched your program information video before attending: https://science.uq.edu.au/student-support/orientation

# When you arrive

When you arrive on campus, it might take you some time to find your room. Allow 10-15 minutes for this. Make sure you use google maps and ask people for directions. You may see people in purple shirts or carrying signs- they will be able to help you!

# When you arrive

When you arrive to your venue, look for Science Leaders in black shirts. They will help you check in for the event. You will be asked to provide your Humanitix ticket, then to write your name on a sticker and place it on your shirt.
You will then be given a ‘people bingo’ sheet to play – start making conversations and try to fill a whole row! The squares will have prompts like “find someone who likes spicy food”.



# Inside the session

When its time to begin the session, you will be asked to go inside and take a seat.
You are welcome to sit anywhere you like - there is no assigned seating.

You can bring a water bottle in with you, but please don’t eat food inside.

If you need to leave for the bathroom, please do so quietly. No need to ask permission or excuse yourself.

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# Navigating the Expos

# UQ Union Market Day

Before the Science Faculty session begins, you will have the opportunity to explore Market Day.

Market Day is held in The Great Court where you can explore UQU's 200+ Clubs & Societies.

Visit the UQ Union website for more information https://uqu.com.au/uqu-orientation/

It gets very busy and hot, so make sure you have water with you and find a calm place outside the Great Court if you need to.

# Science Mini Expo

After your Faculty information sessions, the Science Leaders will take you to the Mini Expo at Student Central.

At the Mini Expo, there will be some stalls to explore at your own pace.

There will be information stalls:

- Student Support for advice and welfare, study skills and learning advice, cyber security, counselling and diversity, disability and inclusion.
- Enrichment opportunities such as Get Set mentoring, semester-based exchange, volunteering, Ventures, Student-Staff Partnerships and leadership programs.
- Library: printing, Wi-Fi, borrowing books, systems and software at UQ.
- UQ Sport: find out how you can get involved and stay active.
- Fill out the survey about your Orientation experience for a free notebook.
- Snacks, merch and more!

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# The team and speakers

# Science Leaders

The Science Leaders are current students who have undertaken the Science Leadership Development program. They will be your main point of contact during Orientation day. They will greet you and deliver the first half of the Orientation presentations. You can identify them by their black Science Leader t-shirts and friendly smiles!

# Science Student Experience team

This team are the event organisers. We can help you with accessibility needs or issues that arise. We will be moving around the event making sure things are running smoothly.

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# Academics

Here are some of the academics you may meet on the day.

**Dr Gurion Ang**
Bachelor of Science
Program Director

**Associate Professor Kelly Johnstone**
Professor in Occupational Health
and Safety

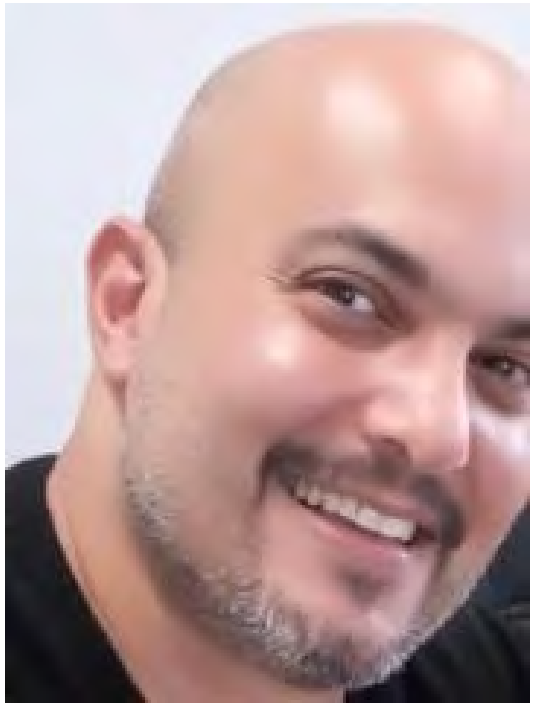
Addressing the Postgraduate
and Diploma in Science cohort

# Academics

Here are some of the academics you may meet on the day.

**Dr Bradd Witt**
Bachelor of Environmental Management (Hons) Program Director

**Professor Fred Roosta**
Bachelor of Mathematics Program Director



**Dr Lisette Pregelj**
Bachelor of Biotechnology Program Director

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# Leaving the event

# Thank you for coming

The scheduled activities for the day will end at 4pm. However, you do not need to stay until 4pm if you are feeling ready to leave earlier.

Once you have attended your information session and explored the Mini Expo, you are free to go. You do not need to advise anyone.

We encourage you to exchange contacts or socials with any new friends you meet on the day, and plan to catch up with them in the coming weeks!

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# Accessibility and Assistance

# Accessibility

- When you register for Orientation, please let us know if you need assistance or have accessibility requirements so we can arrange reasonable accommodations prior to the event.
- Accessible parking can be found at all campuses. You can find further information, including accessibility maps here: https://campuses.uq.edu.au/information-and-services/access/campus-accessibility

**Did you know?**
You can meet with an *Accessibility and Welfare Advisor* to help you with a *Student Access Plan (SAP)*? Make an appointment soon to discuss reasonable adjustments in your courses.

https://my.uq.edu.au/make-appointment-student-adviser

# How to get help

If you find yourself in an emergency on campus, please call security on **(07) 3365 3333**

For non emergencies, look for a staff member or Science Leader. We will do our best to help you with whatever you need on the day.

For assistance with your program, please contact the Science Enquiries team
https://science.uq.edu.au/contact