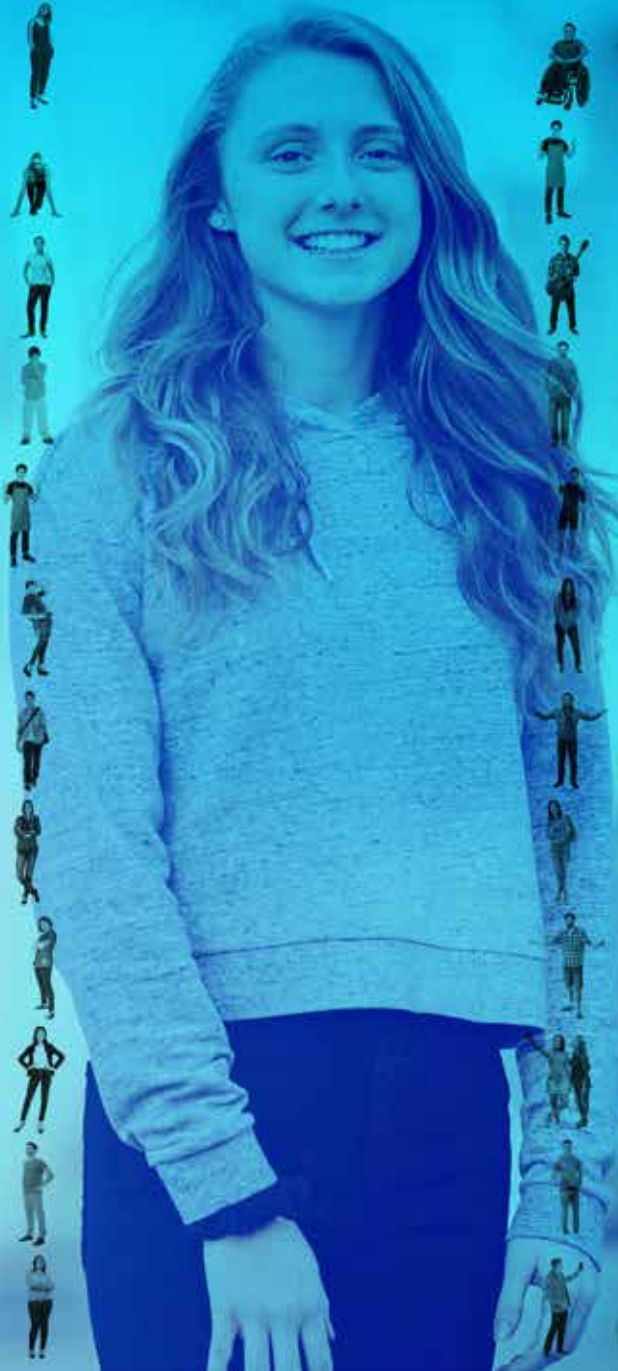




BEGIN WITH HEADSTART

UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE
FOR YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

2021



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DREAMING OF A BRIGHT FUTURE?

Begin with USC's Headstart program.

Rise, and shine.

The Headstart program allows you to complete up to four first-year university subjects (one per semester) while in Years 11 and 12, giving you the chance to gain a taste of university life, enhance your educational performance and explore various careers to prepare you for future study.

You don't just study university subjects, you become a USC student

When you enrol in Headstart, you become a USC student completing university-level subjects with other university students. You will find new and exciting opportunities and challenges as you experience university study first-hand.

MANAGING YOUR TIME

University is different to school. It's an independent adult learning environment, which means you'll be responsible for your own assessments, attendance and management of your time.

Completing a university subject while still in school is an additional commitment of your time. To ensure you effectively balance your school work with uni, it's best to prepare a study plan early and set weekly goals to stay on top of your studies and don't be afraid to reach out for support if you need it. Years 11 and 12 are busy years for students but it's important to maintain a balance of school work, university study, sport, family commitments and fun.



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Headstart study locations across Australia

YOU'LL BE SUPPORTED ALL THE WAY

University may seem like a big step, but you'll be supported by USC and your school. Before you start classes, you will be invited to attend an orientation session to help you get started with your studies.

Your school is there to help you balance school and university, and your university subject teachers will give you guidance and feedback throughout your studies.

You'll also have access to USC's student support services, and staff are on hand if you have questions. Services include:

- Career advice, including one-on-one appointments with the USC Career Development Team
- Academic skills workshops, study drop-ins and one-on-one sessions with an academic skills adviser
- Indigenous academic mentoring and services
- Health and wellbeing services, including free counselling sessions

At USC, we're here to help you succeed. Our Student Success Team are experienced students who can talk with you about your studies and give you timely guidance and information to help you thrive. We are likely to reach out to you via phone, email or SMS during your time at USC.



ELIGIBILITY

We have high expectations for students who start university while still in school. Entry into Headstart is competitive and is based on your academic achievements.

To apply you must:

- be an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident (ie domestic student). International students should speak with their school's Headstart Coordinator about their eligibility for the program.
- be completing a full workload of Year 11 or 12 curriculum
- be achieving a B-grade average or better**
- have approval and a positive recommendation from your school.

** Special circumstances may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Your school must attach a written statement outlining a case for consideration.

BENEFITS OF HEADSTART

Starting university while still in school has many benefits:

- Gain credit towards a USC degree. This means you'll have fewer subjects to study when you start your degree.
- Prepare for university. When you get to university, you'll be well prepared. You'll have already completed study at this level, experienced classes, completed assessment and enjoyed uni life.
- Broaden your education. Select a Headstart subject in an area not offered by your school, or use it as an opportunity to try out future career choices.
- Gain QCE points. Completed university courses can contribute towards your QCE. One semester counts for 2 credits.*
- Enhance your school performance. Studying at a more advanced level can improve your performance at school, because you'll be learning new academic skills and will have access to extra study resources.
- Save money. Your first Headstart subject is free and further subjects are at a reduced fee, decreasing the overall cost of your degree.

READY TO START UNI NOW?

HEADSTART IS FOR YOU IF:

- You would like to take your school studies to a more advanced level.
- Overall, you are doing well at school (achieving at least a B-grade average).
- You have a passion or skill in a particular area of study.
- You can manage your own studies and schedule of commitments.
- You have the academic skills to research study topics, write assessment pieces and sit for exams.

CREATE A PATHWAY TO USC



One of the great things about Headstart is that it can give you credit towards your USC degree. If you successfully complete subjects through Headstart, then enrol in a related USC program, you'll have fewer courses to complete to get your degree.

To continue your studies at USC after you finish Year 12, you apply through QTAC and include in your application that you have completed Headstart. Then, any applicable Headstart courses are automatically credited once you receive an offer from USC.

Credit may be granted for related degrees at other universities, but this is subject to approval by the relevant university through their individual credit process.



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**TEACHING
QUALITY**

14 years in a row

**5
STARS**

in overall student experience
and learning resources.

84%

of USC graduates employed
within four months of
finishing their degree.

Source: Good Universities Guide

Source: Good Universities Guide

Source: Graduate Outcomes Survey (QILT)

* The required level of achievement is a grade of 4 on a 7-point scale, or a Pass grade.

STUDY OPTIONS AND COSTS

YOUR STUDY OPTIONS

You can choose from more than 80 first-year subjects from a wide range of USC study areas, including:

- Business, tourism and events
- Communication, design and creative industries
- Education
- Environmental studies
- Health sciences
- Languages and linguistics
- Law and criminology
- Psychology and social sciences
- Science, IT and engineering
- Sport and exercise science



See the complete list of Headstart subjects available on pages 4–7 or visit usc.edu.au/headstart

CHOOSING A SUBJECT

When deciding what to study, you might choose a subject that builds on your favourite subject at school, or perhaps you want to expand your horizons by studying something new or that you're passionate about. It's completely up to you how to choose to structure your Headstart study. If you're not sure what to study, but you want to build on your academic skills, COR109 Communication and Thought is an essential subject of nearly all USC undergraduate degrees and provides an excellent introduction to university study. Make sure you check the subject you want to study is available at the location you'd like to study at in the Semester you'd like to study in.

ATTENDING CLASSES AND STUDY COMMITMENTS

As a Headstart student, you'll attend the same classes as first-year USC students. Your coursework will include the same readings, assignments and exams.

Each subject is taught over 13 weeks of classes, followed by a two-week exam period (from February to June in Semester 1, and from July to November in Semester 2). You will need to be able to attend classes and complete coursework during this time.

Generally, Headstart students have 3–5 hours of class time per week. Classes run between 8am and 9pm, Monday to Friday. A university subject usually requires you to attend a lecture and tutorial each week. Some have an additional workshop or laboratory session, too.

Lectures usually run for 1–2 hours with teaching staff presenting themes and concepts related to your subject.

Tutorials are similar to classes you might attend at school. These will be smaller groups and can run for 1–3 hours.

You'll need to set aside 10 hours per week for personal study (including class time). This time is when you'll complete set readings, write your assignments and revise for exams. This is in addition to your regular school study.



"The Headstart program has been amazing. From day one, I've never seen Ben happier. He's been welcomed with open arms by his peers. Everyone has been so helpful. He's made a whole new group of friends. He has a fantastic relationship with his teachers and he feels like he can chat to anyone.

"Ben's whole approach to study has turned very academic – he's a completely different person. He just grew so much overnight that it's really blown me away. I would highly recommend the program. It's really shown him that university is for everyone; not the select few. I couldn't be prouder."

Vanessa Watson's son Ben studied two subjects through the Headstart program.

COSTS

There is no tuition fee for the first Headstart subject you complete*. Further subjects have a reduced fee (\$400 in 2020; refer to usc.edu.au/fees for 2021 amount).

You should allow approximately an additional \$100 per course for textbooks, photocopying and any other study-related costs.

* Only applies to domestic students and international students approved through the Sunshine Coast School Alliance. Other international students pay full fees, visit usc.edu.au/fees to check the fee.



"I studied the introductory subject Communication and Thought, which every USC student is required to complete, and that assisted me in writing essays and locating credible sources for reports.

My second subject was about behavioural health and how the human mind develops. My tutor was so enthusiastic, it helped me understand the growth and psychology of people and other concepts I still reflect upon in my daily life - It's called self-directed learning. I learned how to manage my time wisely by creating weekly goals, and how to find resources if I needed help.

I love my degree because I get to learn about the human body and practise with heaps of cool equipment. The Paramedic Science labs are awesome. I get to practise my clinical skills with manikins, a simulated ambulance, lifelike blood, needles and heaps more. Most of all, I have a passion for helping people and after my first placement working inside a real ambulance, I knew that this is where I want to be when I graduate."

Kiah Vescovi is a Northpine Christian College graduate who is now in the second year of a USC Bachelor of Paramedic Science.



"Hundreds of students from our school have completed USC's Headstart program over the past 10 years, with almost all continuing to some form of tertiary study.

The program dramatically broadens the student's senior pathway options in areas schools cannot possibly cover and they love the exploration of study areas that are unattainable at school.

It enables an alternative pathway directly to USC and a selection rank and allows students to 'try before they buy' and commit to a whole discipline area.

As a school, having our students go to the neighbouring university breaks down the invisible boundary between school and university, and realises the concept of an all-encompassing educational precinct."

Chancellor State College Guidance Officer **Dominic Towler**



"The fact I can be surrounded by older students and still feel really relaxed and know I am more than capable of studying at university-level is really empowering.

Before doing the program, I had never referenced an academic journal or research paper but now I cannot complete a school assignment without using these for my sources.

It also teaches you how to balance school, study, part-time work and other interests and manage your time. Being 16, I didn't really have those skills until going to USC."

Studying a human anatomy subject at university while in Year 11 is part of Chancellor State College student **Petra Nunn's** plan to eventually become a doctor.



"Experiencing university study first-hand alongside undergraduate students while still in high school was very positive and educational.

You have to be independent and responsible for your own assessment however, there were so many resources available, along with dedicated support.

It also expanded my communication and research skills, which I have found to be beneficial in the workplace and throughout everyday life as well."

Isabella Muza from St Mary's College.



SCHOLARSHIPS

If you're applying for another Headstart subject, you may be eligible for a scholarship to assist with the subject fee. A number of scholarships are available for students from low-income families, or who identify with other recognised equity groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, or students with a disability. You can apply for a scholarship when you submit your continuing Headstart application form.



EXPLORE YOUR STUDY OPTIONS



BUSINESS, TOURISM AND EVENTS

LOCATION

BUS101 Exploring Business Research	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2) Caboolture (Sem 2) Fraser Coast (Sem 2) Gympie (Sem 2)
BUS102 Introduction to Economics	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 1) Caboolture (Sem 1) Fraser Coast (Sem 1) Gympie (Sem 1)
BUS104 Discovery Management	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 1) Caboolture (Sem 1) Fraser Coast (Sem 1) Gympie (Sem 1)
BUS105 Marketing Essentials	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 1 & 2) Caboolture (Sem 1) Fraser Coast (Sem 1) Gympie (Sem 1)
BUS106 Accounting for Business	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2) Caboolture (Sem 2) Fraser Coast (Sem 2) Gympie (Sem 2)
BUS108 Introduction to Informatics	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2) Caboolture (Sem 2) Fraser Coast (Sem 2) Gympie (Sem 2)
TSM102 The World of Tourism, Leisure and Events	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Fraser Coast (Sem 1)

COMMUNICATION, DESIGN AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

LOCATION

CMN101 Introduction to Creative Entrepreneurship	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2) Caboolture (Sem 2)
CMN103 Introduction to the Creative Industries	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1) Caboolture (Sem 1)
CMN104 Introduction to Media and Communication Industries	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1) Caboolture (Sem 1)
CMN105 The Illuminated Screen: Introduction to Film and Television Studies	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2) Caboolture (Sem 2)
CMN106 Contemporary Communication Theory and Trends	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 1 & 2)
CMN107 Introduction to Professional Communication	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1)
CMN108 Issues in Social Media	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
CMN116 Playing with Words: an Introduction to Creative Writing Craft	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1) Caboolture (Sem 1) Fraser Coast (Sem 1) Gympie (Sem 1)
CMN117 Playing with Genre	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
CMN120 Public Relations: Contemporary Perspectives	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)
CMN130 Introduction to Journalism	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)
CMN140 Introduction to Creative Advertising	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
CMN150 Visual Journalism	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
COR109 Communication and Thought	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 1 & 2) Caboolture (Sem 1 & 2) Fraser Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Gympie (Sem 1 & 2) and
DES101 Grammars of Design	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)



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COMMUNICATION, DESIGN AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

LOCATION

DES102 Visual Storytelling	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)
DES103 Fundamentals of Photography	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2) Caboolture (Sem 2)
DES104 Art, Design and Visual Culture	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
DES105 Introduction to Design and Concept	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2) Caboolture (Sem 2)
DES106 Design in Application	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
DES107 Drawing Practice	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1) Caboolture (Sem 1)
DRA100 Acting 1: The actor's craft	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1)
DRA102 Exploring Twentieth Century Theatre	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2)
EGL120 The 'English' Tradition: An Introduction to Literary Studies	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)
FSH100 Introduction to Key Concepts of Fashion	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Caboolture (Sem 1)
MUS100 Intro to Songwriting and Production	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1)
MUS101 Intro to Songwriting and Performance	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2)
SGD100 Playcentric Game Design	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1)
SGD101 Game Art: Introduction to 2D & 3D	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2)
SGD102 Introduction to Games Scripting	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2)
SGD120 Interactive Narrative: Fundamentals	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1)

EDUCATION

LOCATION

EDU101 Human Development and Learning	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 1 & 2) Caboolture (Sem 1 & 2) Fraser Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Gympie (Sem 1)
EDU103 Integrating ICT into Learning	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2) Caboolture (Sem 2) Fraser Coast (Sem 2) Gympie (Sem 2)
EDU104 Foundations of Literacy and Numeracy	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1) Caboolture (Sem 1) Fraser Coast (Sem 1) Gympie (Sem 1)
EDU115 Creative Expression and Play through the Arts	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Caboolture (Sem 2) Gympie (Sem 2)

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

LOCATION

ENP101 Urban Planning and Design: Principles and Practice	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1)
ENP103 Planning Theory and Governance	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2)
ENP104 Planning Economics and Urban Analytics	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2)
GEO100 Changing Planet Earth	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)
GEO101 Introducing Human Geographies	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)

EXPLORE YOUR STUDY OPTIONS ▶▶

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HEALTH SCIENCES	
	LOCATION
LFS100 Cell Biology ¹	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1) Fraser Coast (Sem 1)
LFS103 Introductory Bioscience ²	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 1 & 2) Caboolture (Sem 1) Fraser Coast (Sem 1) Gympie (Sem 1)
LFS112 Human Physiology ¹	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
LFS122 Human Anatomy ¹	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
PUB102 Environment and Health	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2)
PUB104 Introduction to Behavioural Health	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)
PUB112 Public Health Foundations	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2)

Entry requirement:
1. Must be studying Biology
2. Must be in Year 12

LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS	
	LOCATION
IND110 Indonesian A	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1)
IND111 Indonesian B ¹	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2)
JPN110 Japanese A	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1)
JPN111 Japanese B ²	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2)

Entry requirement:
1. Prerequisite course: IND110
2. Prerequisite course: JPN110

LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY	
	LOCATION
CRM101 Introduction to Criminology	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 1 & 2)
CRM102 Understanding Crime	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
CRM103 Punishment and Corrections	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
CRM105 Policing	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
JST101 Justice and the Australian Legal System	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 1 & 2)
LAW101 Foundations of Australian Law A	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2)



PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

	LOCATION
COU180 Introductory Counselling Skills	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1) Fraser Coast (Sem 1) Gympie (Sem 1)
HIS100 What Makes Australia? History of Australian Popular Culture: The Twentieth Century and Beyond	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)
HIS140 Global Citizens: A History of Humanity	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
INT101 Introduction to International Relations: An Australian Perspective	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1)
INT102 Global Environmental Politics	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2)
PSY100 Introduction to Psychology A	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1) Fraser Coast (Sem 1) Gympie (Sem 1)
PSY101 Introduction to Psychology B	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2) Fraser Coast (Sem 2) Gympie (Sem 2)
PSY102 Current Directions in Psychology	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)
PSY103 Applied Psychology in Health Care	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1)
SCS101 Foundations of Human Behaviour	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1) Fraser Coast (Sem 1) Gympie (Sem 1)
SCS110 Australian Society: How does (n't) it work? - Introduction to Sociology	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2) Fraser Coast (Sem 2) Gympie (Sem 2)
SCS130 Introduction to Indigenous Australia	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 1 & 2) Fraser Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Gympie (Sem 2)
SCS140 Introduction to Development Studies	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1)
SWK101 Introduction to Social Work Practice and Theories	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2) Fraser Coast (Sem 2) Gympie (Sem 2)
SWK172 Introduction to Social Work and Human Services	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1) Fraser Coast (Sem 1) Gympie (Sem 1)
SUS101 Foundations of Sustainability	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)

SCIENCE, IT AND ENGINEERING

	LOCATION
ENG101 Foundations of Engineering*	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)
ENG104 Introduction to Engineering Design	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
ENS103 Earth's Surface Processes	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)
ICT112 Creative Problem Solving with Programming	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)
ICT115 Introduction to Systems Design	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
MTH103 Introduction to Applied Mathematics¹	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)
MTH104 Introductory Calculus¹	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
SCI102 Biodiversity and Ecology²	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2) Fraser Coast (Sem 2)
SCI105 Chemistry³	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 1 & 2)
SCI107 Physics¹	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)
SCI110 Science Research Methods⁴	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1 & 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 1 & 2) Fraser Coast (Sem 2)
SCI113 Discovering Science	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)

* Please note, there are two 4 hour field trips during the semester that Headstart students will need to attend. View the course outline for more details.

1. Must be studying Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics
2. Must be studying Biology
3. Must be studying Chemistry
4. Recommended to be studying General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics

SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

	LOCATION
SPX101 Introduction to Sport and Exercise Science	Sunshine Coast (Sem 1) Moreton Bay (Sem 1)
SPX102 Introduction to Coaching Science	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
SPX103 Anatomy and Physiology for Exercise¹	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2) Moreton Bay (Sem 2)
SPX121 Exercise Prescription and Programming¹	Sunshine Coast (Sem 2)

Entry requirement:
1. Must be in Year 12 and studying Biology



HOW TO APPLY

APPLICATION DUE DATES

31 October 2020 for study in Semester 1, 2021
 30 April 2021 for study in Semester 2, 2021

Find a subject that best suits your career aspirations or interests, one that will count towards the degree you want to study or that extends on your favourite subjects at school.

1. ASSESS YOUR OPTIONS

Take a look through the courses available on pages 4–7 and choose the one that meets your needs.

2. TALK WITH YOUR SCHOOL

Before you apply for Headstart, you need to talk about your plans with your school's Headstart Coordinator.

3. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Complete and submit the Headstart School Approval Form to your school's Headstart Coordinator for approval. Once they have approved your Headstart participation you will be able to submit your application online at usc.edu.au/headstart-submit-application. You will need to upload your completed Headstart School Approval form and your most recent report card when you submit your application.

4. RECEIVE AN OFFER

If your application is successful, USC will email you an official offer that includes instructions to complete your enrolment and attend orientation.

5. ORGANISE YOUR TIMETABLE

When timetables are released, select your preferred class times. You will receive instructions on how to submit your class preference form in your enrolment and orientation information. USC will make every effort to enrol you in your most preferred classes, but it's good to have back-up options in case your preferred times are not available.

Study another Headstart subject

Complete the Headstart Continuing Enrolment Form available from usc.edu.au/studentforms

Note: We will make you a conditional offer and this will be reassessed after official grades for your previous course are released. You must pass each Headstart course in order to move on to the study another course.

HEADSTART KEY DATES

Students attend class and are required to complete all aspects of assessment, including exams, so must be available during exam weeks. View key semester dates below, and the full academic calendar via usc.edu.au/calendars.

For study in Semester 1, 2021

Applications open	1 August 2020
Applications close	31 October 2020
Timetable available on USC website	December 2020*
Orientation	15–19 February 2021
Classes begin	22 February 2021
Census date	19 March 2021
Mid-semester break	5–9 April 2021
Last day to withdraw from study without academic penalty	30 April 2021
Exam period	7–18 June 2021
Results released	11 July 2021 (TBC)

* May be subject to change. Students will be emailed with more information. View enrolment dates once they are released at usc.edu.au/calendars.

For study in Semester 2, 2021

Applications open	1 August 2020
Applications close	30 April 2021
Timetable available on USC website	May 2021*
Orientation	12–16 July 2021
Classes begin	19 July 2021
Census date	14 August 2021
Last day to withdraw from study without academic penalty	17 September 2021
Mid-semester break	27 September–1 October 2021
Exam period	1–12 November 2021
Results released	6 December 2021 (TBC)

* May be subject to change. Students will be emailed with more information. View enrolment dates once they are released at usc.edu.au/calendars.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

HEADSTART COMMITMENT

USC Commitment

THE UNIVERSITY AGREES TO:

- Provide feedback to the school about student progress and results
- Provide a copy of the student's academic record to the student
- Grant academic credit for a successfully completed course if the student enrolls in a related USC degree
- Provide each student with the rights, privileges and responsibilities granted to other USC students

Student Commitment

THE STUDENT AGREES TO:

- Attend any required classes or orientation sessions
- Complete all assessment items on time and contribute to group assignments and presentations
- Check their university student email account regularly
- Engage with USC Blackboard throughout the semester
- Pay all fees due, including any late fees or fines incurred
- Adhere to the rules and policies of the University
- Have regular meetings with their school to discuss progress
- Notify USC Student Central in writing if they wish to withdraw from their course via email to studentcentral@usc.edu.au

School Commitment

THE SCHOOL AGREES TO:

- Nominate only those students who have the ability, motivation and basic knowledge to undertake study at a university level
- Provide appropriate support to the student, including counselling and academic support
- Have regular meetings with the student to identify any problems and report these issues to the university
- Notify USC Student Central in writing of any problems with the student's ability to attend classes or complete the course

Tips to support your child through Headstart

Headstart can provide your child with a challenge beyond the school curriculum, offering them the chance to gain a taste of university life and enhance their academic performance, and the opportunity to grow as individuals as they combine secondary school and university studies.

You play a valuable role in guiding the student in your life to rise, and shine. Here's some tips to support your student to reach their full potential:

PLAN FOR SUCCESS

- Encourage your student to attend all classes, as this is where they'll get the most out of their learning experience and have the opportunity to discuss class content with their peers, lecturers and tutors.
- Create a study plan to help them stay on track, reduce stress and maintain a balance between uni, school and being a teenager.
- Remind your student to ask questions, especially in the first few weeks, and check-in with them regularly to see how they're going.

ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

- Uni is different to school, but there's plenty of support available. Encourage your student to find information and services for themselves, and to not be afraid to ask questions or seek support.
- Once your child enrolls into their Headstart subject, they'll become a USC student and will be required to manage their own learning, including being the main point of contact for the university.

CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Acknowledging their success and celebrating small achievements throughout the study year will help to maintain confidence and motivation ahead of the next academic challenge.

GUIDE YOUR STUDENT TO THE RANGE OF FREE SUPPORT SERVICES

- As a USC student, your child has access to a range of services available to support student success and wellbeing, including academic and study support, wellbeing and counselling, AccessAbility, careers and employment and Indigenous student support.
- It's important for you to also be familiar with what's available so you can encourage them to reach out if they need to, to usc.edu.au/support


BE FLEXIBLE WITH FAMILY COMMITMENTS

- There are times during the semester when students really need to focus on their studies. They'll be required to complete all aspects of assessment, including exams so they must be available during exam weeks.
- Be mindful when trying to arrange holidays and celebrations so they coincide with quieter times in the academic year, such as between teaching periods. View key semester dates on page 8 of this guide, and the full academic calendar via usc.edu.au/calendars.

Visit the USC Parent Lounge for more information and tips on supporting your child on their journey to university at usc.edu.au/parents.



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- ADD  @uscedu
- WATCH  /UniSunshineCoast

PARENTS!

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

USC Parent lounge is an online space created just for you, so you can find everything you need to know about uni for your child in one easy place.

usc.edu.au/parents



MORE QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about Headstart, get in touch with our Student Central team:

Call: **07 5430 2890**

Email: information@usc.edu.au

Visit: usc.edu.au/headstart

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