



University of
South Australia

Guide to university for parents and friends

The first year of university is full of new experiences whilst also being a time of rapid personal growth. Every student's journey will be unique, and they'll manage challenges in their own way. This brochure provides some key insights into university life, so that you can be prepared to have discussions and offer additional support.

| High School | VS | University |
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| Students must leave school grounds after hours. | Access | Students can study on campus 24/7. |
| Teachers manage assessments and provide prompts and reminders. | Assessments | Assessment information is available from week one. Students are responsible for managing their deadlines and submissions. |
| Attendance is closely monitored by both home group and subject teachers. | Attendance | Students are independent learners and are responsible for managing their attendance. |
| Classes are generally small. | Classes | Class sizes vary from small to large. |
| Teachers may allow extra time for assignments. | Deadlines | Formal extensions are available, however they are only given with a significant reason. |
| Most learning is face-to-face. | Delivery | Learning is flexible with options to study on campus, online or a combination of both. |
| Students are known by staff and other students. | Identification | Students are guided by their Program Director and generally have different lecturers and tutors in each study period, so proactively forming connections is important. |
| Some students have casual jobs. | Jobs | It is very common for a university student to have a job whether it be casual, part-time or full-time. |
| Classroom learning is essential to success. | Learning | Independent learning is a huge part of university study. Students engage in lectures, workshops, practicals, tutorials and placements. |
| Students attend one location. | Location | University students may have classes at different campuses, online and within industry. |
| School reports are sent to parents/guardians. | Results | Results are confidential and are only available through an online student portal. This information is not shared with others without written permission from the student. |
| Classroom teachers manage most student issues. | Support | Students can access a wide range of support services on campus and online. |
| School hours are routine and regular. | Timetable | Classes are scheduled from early morning to mid-evening. Every student's timetable will look different and vary each study period. |