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UQ Connect Mentoring Program Guide

Building confident pathways to university



Welcome to UQ Connect Mentoring

Every student deserves someone in their corner and that belief sits at the heart of UQ's Connect Mentoring Program.

By bringing together students, mentors, and school staff, the program creates a trusted support network for young people navigating the journey from Year 11 to university.

Each student is matched with a dedicated mentor who meets with them face-to-face at school and online throughout the year.

Together, they build personalised connections that are responsive to where the student is now and where they aspire to be.

Delivered in partnership with schools, UQ Connect Mentoring adds a vital layer of support, confidence, and connection at a critical time in a young person's life.

Acknowledgement of Country

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

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.



How does it work?

UQ Connect Mentoring supports Year 11 and 12 students who are on an ATAR pathway or considering university.

The program begins with a Welcome Event held at one of UQ's campuses, where students and their families are invited to meet their mentors, learn more about the program, explore the campus, and start building the connections that will support them throughout their senior school years. Parents and carers will also have the opportunity to connect with one another and speak with program staff.

Following the Welcome Event, mentors visit students at their schools for their first face-to-face mentoring session. Together, the student and mentor will develop a personalised plan based on the student's goals, interests and future aspirations.

Between school visits, mentors maintain scheduled online check-ins with students via phone call, with oversight from the UQ Outreach team to ensure consistent support throughout Years 11 and 12.

Benefits of UQ Connect Mentoring

UQ Connect Mentoring is designed to make a real and lasting difference for students and their families.

Through the program, students:



Explore their pathways

Build awareness of university pathways and grow in confidence as they navigate the transition from school to university.



Build skills and momentum

Develop motivation alongside practical skills, equipping students with the tools they need to take their next step.



Connect with real experience

Receive peer-to-peer mentoring from university students who have walked a similar path, creating connections that are relatable, genuine and grounding.

What students can expect

Year 11 | 2026 Welcome Event



Gatton campus **St Lucia campus**
Sunday 14 June Sunday 21 June

Term 3



In-person mentoring session at school



2 check-ins (via phone call) with a mentor

Term 4



In-person mentoring session at school



2 check-ins (via phone call) with a mentor

Year 12 | 2027 Term 1



In-person mentoring session at school



1 check-in (via phone call) with a mentor

Term 2



In-person mentoring session at school



1 check-in (via phone call) with a mentor

UQ Open Day



Gatton campus
St Lucia campus

Term 3



In-person mentoring session at school



1 check-in (via phone call) with a mentor

Transition to university (December 2027)



2 check-ins (via phone calls) with a mentor



Support to understand options and university applications



Post-ATAR release support



Did you know?

Students may receive up to +4 adjustments applied to their ATAR through the UQ School Opportunity Scheme.

Contact

Questions? Our Outreach team is here to help.

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Find out more about UQ Connect Mentoring.



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