Vice-Chancellor’s Scholars Camp

Tuesday 14th February to Friday 17th February 2017

Anchorage Resort, Stradbroke Island

Depart: Tuesday 14th Feb 2017, 10.00am sharp
Return: Friday 17th Feb 2017, 4.00pm approx.

Departure and Return point
Albert St Bus Loading Zone (outside Royal on the Park), CBD
Click here for street view

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Camp Overview

Purpose - The purpose of the Vice-Chancellor’s Scholars Camp is to introduce scholars to the new learning environment of a university and a variety of learning concepts that underpin the life of a university student. Scholars will engage in a number of activities designed to expose new perspectives through thought provoking exercises. Complementing these activities will be a variety of social events and briefings as well as some physical activities.

Format - Attendees are divided into ‘tribes’ and assigned activities on a rotational basis. The format of the camp has been designed to achieve deliberate outcomes including the encouragement of new friendships and important university connections that will set the tone for a successful transition into the QUT learning environment.

Cost - There is no cost to Vice-Chancellor scholars to attend this camp.

Meals - Meals will be provided from Tuesday lunch to Friday lunch. Feel free to bring extra snacks.

Camp Facilitators - QUT staff members from the Student Engagement Team as well as current Vice-Chancellor scholar mentors will facilitate bringing their university experience and valuable insights.

Accommodation - The camp will be held at Anchorage on Straddie located at Stradbroke Island and is designed to cater to group activities. It is well equipped to provide supervised activities that support the camp’s objective. Sleeping quarters are assigned into single sex rooms comprising of two to four scholar roommates.

Transport - Return transport is provided to the resort by chartered coach. NO private cars are permitted. Students who prefer to meet at the Cleveland Barge due to convenience can do so by registering their pick-up and drop-off preferences via the online registration form.

Activities - Daytime activities will include thought provoking exercises, team building challenges, social interactions and some water activities. Night time activities will include a trivia night, photo competition, beach party and informal talks with current scholars about university life. Within the limits of individual capabilities, it is expected that all participants will be actively involved in all scheduled activities. A full program of activities will be released to attendees the morning of departure.

Personal Items
Participants should bring the following core items:

- clothing suitable for the above-mentioned activities
- towel for swimming and showering
- toiletries
- insect repellent
- swimwear
- recreational footwear
- hat & sunscreen
- personal medication

Code of Conduct
In accordance with QUT policy no alcohol or drugs are to be kept or consumed on the premises. Students who bring themselves and the University into disrepute due to anti-social behavior will be removed from the camp immediately and risk losing their scholarship. Further action will include a full report to the Vice-Chancellor and University Registrar.

REMINDER - Indemnity Release Form due by 11.59pm, 12 February 2017. Refer to your registration email for a copy of the indemnity form and instructions on how to submit it.

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Previous camp attendee’s testimonies

Excellent! Was an amazing experience, I left with some memorable friends, great memories and was able to arrive at uni in week one prepared and keen for a great 4 years to come.

- Matthew

Camp was absolutely amazing! It was unlike anything I had ever participated in and I wish it hadn’t ended so soon. The rotations were, in general, great. It gave me heaps of self-confidence as well as new friendship groups, which have really given me a head-start at uni!

- Jess

Certainly an opportunity that any future VC scholars should experience - I not only established strong connections with the staff and other scholars but had a very enjoyable time. There’s no denying that the camp was extremely beneficial to my transition into university life.

- Sonny

Fantastic experience. Mentors were great, staff were chilled and the activities were fun. The best aspect was making friends who I talk to every day at QUT! Would love to go as a mentor next year!

- Daniel

I had a delightful time and would recommend it to anyone who has the chance to go. Whilst I did not run into many people in my particular uni course, I did make many friends who sometimes hover around the campus. You run into them, share a smile and an acknowledging nod, and you feel almost instantly comfortable.

- Jasmine

I was hesitant to go on the camp because I thought it was going to be like a school camp and really boring but then I asked a guy who went last year and he said I had to go. I don’t regret going at all, I have made friends that I still keep in contact with and will continue to. I was nervous about starting Uni but now, I feel comfortable and excited to stay at Uni.

- Fern

It is nothing like a school camp at all, you are given a lot of freedom, are able to participate in worthwhile activities and make some really great friends which makes the initial transition into Uni life that much easier!

- Hannah

Mentors were one of the best assets of the camp; could give the inside scoop on our courses/having a scholarship/being a QUT student etc and were very friendly and enthused. Staff were all really lovely and Stradbroke was a beautiful location.

- Georgia

The camp completely exceeded my expectations - the workshops, staff and student mentors, as well as all the commencing scholars, have made the transition to university much easier and more enjoyable!

- Kate

The camp was an amazing opportunity to not only get to know people you’ll be attending university with, but also to simply have a chance to connect with like-minded students who are passionate about their education. It’s also very comforting to see familiar faces around on your first day of university.

- Alexander

The opportunity to make friends with people whom you already have something in common with was an invaluable social benefit of the camp, and has made the transition into uni so much easier & more enjoyable!

- Hannah

It helped me comfortably transition into uni, meet like-minded people and make new friends before beginning study. The mentors were also amazing at answering questions and easing fears about all aspects of uni life.

- Jess

Seriously, this was the most amazing opportunity. It was great to meet new people, especially people that I might be seeing in my course. And all the activities were extremely fun and engaging!

- Annalou

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