

Queensland Australia



GELI is a member of:



Make it matter



“During my time at GELI, the immersive English learning experience significantly improved my language skills and provided a solid foundation for my academic journey.”

Issei (Japan, second from left)



“Griffith English Language Institute helped me achieve my dream by providing a pathway programme to Griffith University. I can’t recommend GELI enough to international students looking to improve their English.”

Claire (China)

GELI graduate/Bachelor of International Tourism and Hotel Management



Scan to watch Claire's video about her time studying at GELI.

ABOUT GELI

For over 35 years, Griffith University's award-winning Griffith English Language Institute (GELI) has been delivering English language programs to international students.



Direct Entry Program

Gain entry to a Griffith University degree, Study Abroad or Exchange program, or a Griffith College program.



Griffith University services and facilities

Access facilities including the library, sporting facilities, and health and welfare services.



Award-winning excellence

Multi award-winning institute and recipient of University, state and national industry awards.



Independent Learning

Follow weekly independent learning plans to enhance your English language skills.



Activities program

Enjoy opportunities to practise English and make new friends outside the classroom with a range of free and low-cost activities that are offered every term.



Courses for all students

Improve your English for study, work, travel or personal interest.

BRISBANE

Brisbane is a vibrant, expanding city, offering world-class education, a beautiful climate and a superb lifestyle. It is an ideal place to study and develop your career.



Average temperature:
15°C–26°C



Population: 2.7 million*



283 days of sunshine a year



Culturally diverse population:
27% of Brisbane's residents
were born overseas



Brisbane is the host city
of the 2032 Olympic and
Paralympic Games

*Population data supplied by City of Brisbane
abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/regional-population/latest-release



GOLD COAST

Beautiful beaches, excellent quality of life and friendly people make the Gold Coast a popular study destination.



Average temperature: 15°C–25°C



Population: More than 647,000*



300 days of sunshine a year



Beautiful white sandy beaches
spanning nearly 60km of coastline



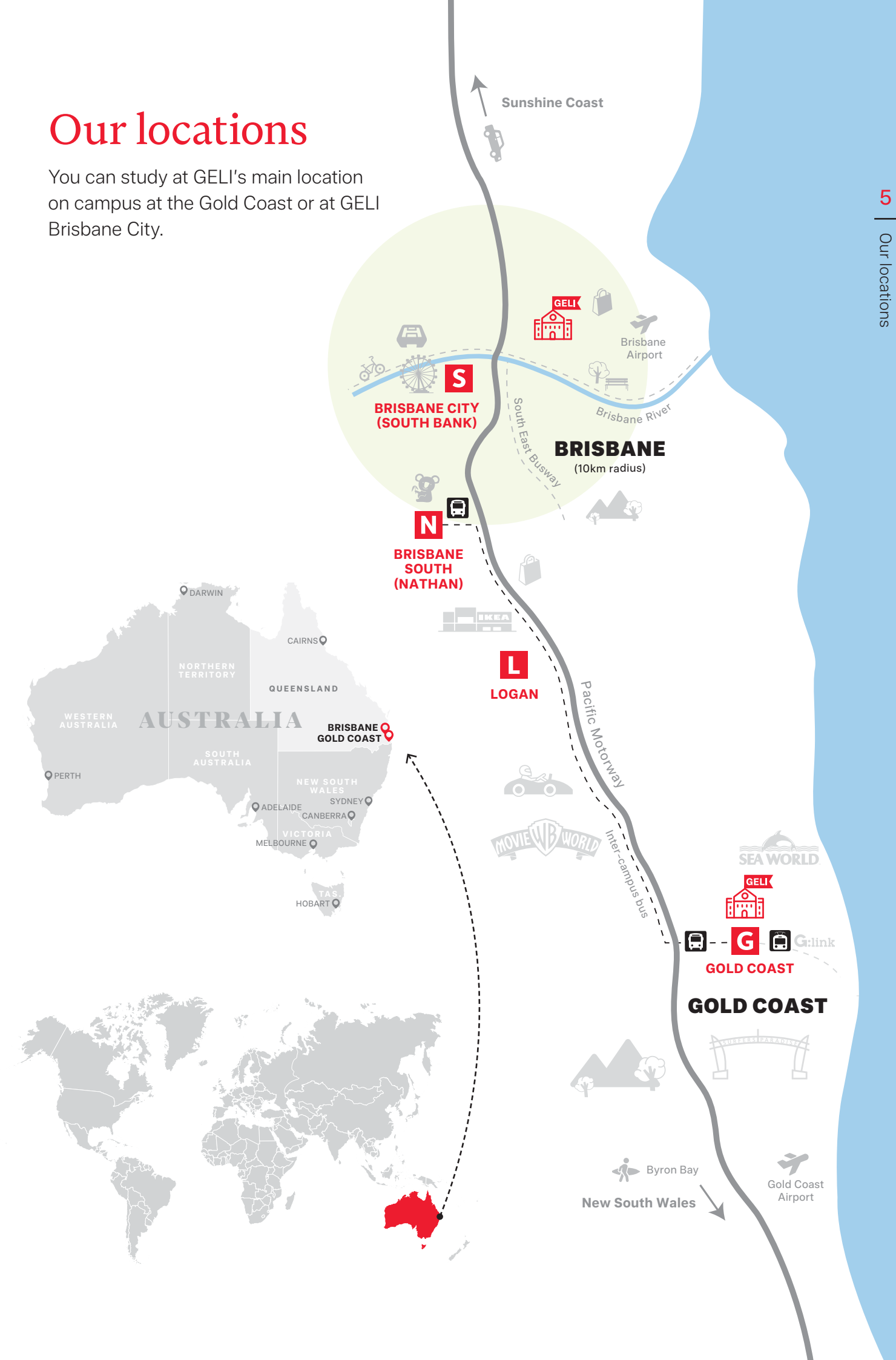
100,000 hectares of World
Heritage-listed rainforests

*Population data supplied by City of Gold Coast
goldcoast.qld.gov.au/Council-region/About-our-city/Population-data



Our locations

You can study at GELI's main location on campus at the Gold Coast or at GELI Brisbane City.



Learn English at GELI

Your direct English pathway to a Griffith University degree, Study Abroad or Exchange program, or a Griffith College program.

Direct Entry Program

Join our highly popular Direct Entry Program to gain the English skills necessary to enter a Griffith University degree or a program at Griffith College.

There are seven levels in the Direct Entry Program and you will be placed in the appropriate class for you based on your proficiency test or your Griffith English Test result.

In our classes, you will use technology to access your learning materials and complete your class work.

In the Direct Entry Program, you will build your English language skills in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking, and at the higher levels you will practise academic skills that will help you to be successful in your future studies.

When you successfully complete the Direct Entry Program at the equivalent of the IELTS level needed for your degree or diploma, you can enter your program directly without needing to submit a proficiency test result.*

Direct Entry Program CRICOS 013051D

General English

Our English courses are not just for people wanting to go to university. We know there are a variety of reasons you may want to improve your English. Whether you are beginner or advanced, you can enrol in our General English program to achieve your goals. You will receive all the benefits of being part of the Griffith University community, with access to student support services and activities.

If you change your study preferences and decide that you would like to apply to Griffith University or Griffith College at a later date, you will already be on the pathway to undertake further study.

English study tours and group programs

We offer specialised English programs that are tailored to each group's specific requirements, including cultural activities, field trips, visits, excursions and accommodation arrangements.

Fees

All GELI weekly fees include tuition, the learning resources you need to study, and access to activities and support services.

Up to 25 weeks: **A\$470 per week**

26+ weeks: **A\$440 per week**

Enrolment fee: **A\$230**

Griffith English Test

If you do not have an English proficiency test result, take our free online English test to find your English class placement level for Griffith English Language Institute.†

griffith.edu.au/english-test

If you are applying for a student visa, you may be required to submit an acceptable English proficiency test score with your visa application.

How long will I study at GELI?

		ENTRY SCORES			
		IELTS Academic	PTE Academic	TOEFL IBT	ISLPR
Griffith University degree (requiring IELTS 6.5 [^]) Direct Entry Program 10–35 weeks	WEEKS	6.5 (no sub-score <6.0)	58 (no Comm Skill <50)	79 (no sub-score <19)	3+ (all sub-scores)
	10	6.0 (no sub-score <5.5)	50 (no Comm Skill <42)	71 (W 19, L,R,S 17)	W3 (2 scores 3, 1 score 2+)
	20	5.5 (no sub-score <5.0, W 5.5)	42 (no Comm Skill <36, W 42)	52 (W 17, S 15, L,R 10)	2+ (all sub-scores)
	25	5.5 (no sub-score <5.0)	42 (no Comm Skill <36)	52 (W,S 15, L,R 10)	W2+ (2 scores 2+, 1 score 2)
	30	5.0 (no sub-score <4.5, W 5.0)	36 (no Comm Skill <30, W 36)	40 (W 15, S 13, L,R 6)	2 (all sub-scores)
	35	5.0 (no sub-score <4.5)	36 (no Comm Skill <30)	40 (W,S 13, L,R 6)	W2 (2 scores 2, 1 score 1+)

Key: W = Writing, L = Listening, R = Reading, S = Speaking, < = less than, Comm Skill = Communicative Skill.

*A small number of degrees require a formal proficiency test for entry. Check the English language entry requirements for your degree at griffith.edu.au/study/degrees

†If you already have an accepted English proficiency test result (e.g. IELTS), do not take the Griffith English Test. You will be placed in class based on your proficiency test.

[^]Check the English language entry requirements for your degree at griffith.edu.au/study/degrees

Please note: it normally takes 10–15 weeks to progress from one level to the next. This table indicates expected course length for students requiring IELTS 6.5.

Sample timetable (DEP Level 5)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 hour	Grammar and Vocabulary	Reading and Critical Thinking	Grammar and Vocabulary	Listening and Speaking	Grammar and Vocabulary Review
1 hour	Reading and Critical Thinking	Reading and Critical Thinking	Reading and Critical Thinking	Listening and Speaking	Writing
Break					
1 hour	Writing	Listening and Speaking	Writing	Writing	Project
1 hour	Writing	Listening and Speaking	Writing	Writing	Project



GELI classes

Class sizes at GELI are small so you will receive personal attention from your teachers and progress quickly through your studies.

There are 20 hours of study per week, plus an additional 5 hours of independent learning each week using GELI's independent learning plans. You will need a laptop to access learning resources in and out of class, and for assessment.

Classes are held daily Monday to Friday in two 2-hour sessions with a break between the sessions.

PTE Academic Test Centre

Griffith's PTE Academic Test Centre is located on the Gold Coast campus. PTE Academic is a computer-based test of English language proficiency for study, migration and professional registration. Tests results are typically available within five business days.

PTE ACADEMIC™
pearsonpte.com

“During my course, I had excellent professors who introduced me to how to do academic essays, assessments and how to think critically. I made friendships with people from many countries and also met students who are already doing their degree.”

Thalita (Brazil) GELI graduate



Find out more
griffith.edu.au/english-programs



WHERE TO LIVE

Whether you would like to live on campus or off campus, there are several options you can explore to find housing to suit your needs. Options include homestay, which allows you to experience life with a local family while you study.

Homestay

Homestay accommodation gives you the opportunity to live with an Australian family while you study. It is a great way to develop your English language skills and experience life in Australia, and offers catered and self-catered options. Homestay is available to GELI students studying at the Gold Coast and in Brisbane City. Some homestay providers offer independent living options such as a granny flat.

Temporary and short-stay accommodation

If you are intending to organise long-term off-campus accommodation once you arrive in Queensland, it is vitally important that you organise temporary accommodation for your first few days or weeks in Queensland, as it is important that you inspect your long-term off-campus accommodation before you move in. There are short-term accommodation options located near each of our campuses that are easily accessible by public transport.

Off campus

In Australia, share housing—where you share a house or apartment with a number of other students—is the most common form of off-campus accommodation.

When looking for suitable off-campus accommodation, you will need to consider:

- the cost of rent (usually advertised as a weekly amount)
- if utilities are included in your rent (electricity, water, gas)
- if internet is included in your rent
- if the accommodation is furnished
- how close the accommodation is to your campus
- access to public transport.

Off-campus student accommodation

There are a number of purpose-built student accommodation providers. You should review their offerings in relation to your needs and contact them directly for more information.

Brisbane: Genesis 1; Scape; Student One; UniLodge Park Central; Uniresort; Iglu.

Gold Coast: University Village; Metro on Central; University Square.

On campus

Griffith offers self-catered accommodation at Nathan campus and partners with Campus Living Villages to provide self-catered, on-campus accommodation in the Griffith University Village on the Gold Coast campus.

Please note that there is no on-site student accommodation at GELI Brisbane City, but it is ideally located near purpose-built student accommodation buildings (see 'off-campus' information).

New accommodation in 2026

Our Gold Coast campus is set to boast a new student accommodation tower in the Griffith University Village. It is forecast for completion in mid-2026, with 459 new beds to be available.



Find out more
griffith.edu.au/where-to-live

Cost of living

There are many different costs involved in international study and your cost of living in Australia will vary depending on your lifestyle and personal requirements.

The Australian Government requires students to have access to a minimum of **A\$29,710*** per year to meet their living costs, but most students spend more than this. Costs will be higher if you have family members accompanying you.

Calculating your total cost of study

Your total cost of studying in Australia will include:

- tuition fees
- visa application fees
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
- flights
- cost of living
- other personal and study-related expenses.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees are reviewed annually, and students should expect an increase in fees each year.

Study Queensland's cost of living calculator

Study Queensland's website provides a cost of living calculator for prospective students thinking about studying in Queensland. Scan the QR code to go to their calculator.



Weekly cost of living estimate

Please be advised these figures are an **estimate only** and individual differences and personal preferences mean prices will vary. Please note these costs do not include: arrival costs, temporary/short-term accommodation, security deposit, textbooks, clothing, gym and other memberships or medical expenses. Some of this information is based on 2024 costs according to Study Queensland** (see above for the QR code and more details on the cost of living calculator).

	Self-catered on campus	Share house off campus	Homestay off campus
Campus availability	G, N	G, N, S, L	G, N, S, L
Rent	\$180–\$300 (N) \$310–\$450 (G)	\$250–\$600	\$280–\$420
Food	\$140–\$280	\$140–\$280	Variable^
Transport to university	Walking distance	\$30–\$100	\$30–\$100
Electricity and gas	Included	\$25–\$40	Included†
Mobile phone and internet	\$15–\$30 (Internet included)	\$20–\$50	\$20–\$50
Entertainment	\$100–\$200	\$100–\$200	\$100–\$200

Airport pickup

International students commencing at GELI can apply for a free airport pickup, which takes you from the airport directly to your pre-arranged accommodation. The service is free for eligible new international students arriving at the Brisbane or Gold Coast airports. griffith.edu.au/airport-reception



*As at February 2025. ^Fully-catered Homestay accommodation includes food. The cost of fully-catered, semi-catered or self-catered Homestay accommodation will vary.

†Students can expect to pay an additional cost for heating and air conditioning.

**These costs were calculated in January 2025.

Find out more

griffith.edu.au/international-costs



Your student experience

Whether you choose to study at GELI Gold Coast or GELI Brisbane City, you will have access to facilities and services to support you in your studies and your life in Australia.



Independent learning

Your study at GELI includes free additional online independent learning resources specially designed to support your class work. We encourage you to follow the weekly independent learning plan for your class level.



Academic workshops

Attend free after-class workshops to assist you to improve in specific skill areas such as grammar and vocabulary.



Library and computer labs

GELI students have access to Griffith University libraries, which are open 24/7 for study at Gold Coast, Brisbane City (South Bank) and Brisbane South (Nathan).

griffith.edu.au/library



Activities and events

At GELI, learning English does not stop when you leave the classroom. Join GELI's after-class and weekend activities to practise English and make new friends.



International Student Advisory

If you need extra information or support, make an in-person or online appointment with an International Student Advisor. International Student Advisors provide information to support you to manage your life and your studies.

griffith.edu.au/international-student-advisors



Health and wellbeing

If you need a doctor, there are health and medical services located on the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses, as well as medical centres and hospitals near GELI Brisbane City.

If you need someone to talk to about personal issues, we offer free, confidential student counselling on campus.

griffith.edu.au/student-services



Clubs and societies

Griffith has over 100 clubs in cultural, religious, political, educational, sporting, professional and special interest areas. There are also international student clubs, societies and associations.

griffith.edu.au/clubs



Sport and fitness

Griffith offers a variety of sporting facilities and competitions. Join Griffith Sport for social sport competitions. Enjoy discount student memberships for facilities across our locations, including on-campus gyms and swimming pools.

griffith.edu.au/sport



Religion

Multi-faith chaplaincy is located on the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses, with online appointments also available.

griffith.edu.au/chaplaincy



Find out more

griffith.edu.au/geli/student-life

How to apply

Applying to study at GELI is easy. With applications open all year round, you can complete your application in four simple steps.

1

CHOOSE THE ENGLISH PROGRAM YOU WANT TO STUDY

See English language program options at griffith.edu.au/english-programs.

2

PREPARE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Include certified copies of any required documentation (translated into English if applicable).

3

APPLY ONLINE

Apply online or via a registered recruitment representative. If you are applying for a Griffith University degree or Study Abroad or Exchange program, you will receive a packaged offer and we will let you know how many weeks of English you need to complete to achieve your study goals in your Letter of Offer.

If you are applying only for an English language program, you will receive an offer for your chosen number of weeks.

griffith.edu.au/geli/apply

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ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

Once you have received a Letter of Offer, you must formally accept your offer and pay your total deposit fee.

AFTER YOU ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

Once you have accepted your offer, Griffith University will:

- send you a Welcome Letter confirming your enrolment;
- send you an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCOE) if you are applying for a student visa;
- provide information about Orientation;
- send you a series of emails with information to assist your transition to study at GELI.



Find out more
griffith.edu.au/geli/apply



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2026 key dates

Orientation	Classes Start
5 January	5 January
6 February	9 February
13 March	16 March
17 April	20 April
22 May	25 May
26 June	29 June
31 July	3 August
4 September	7 September
9 October	12 October
13 November	16 November

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