



Parents and Guardians



Why Avondale University?

#1 University in Australia for overall educational experience

Our focus is on delivering a high quality educational experience for every course on offer. Inclusive and personalised student support via small classes with easy access to lecturers helps students get the most out of their study. They show this by ranking us number one in Australia for overall educational experience and teaching quality. Our Nursing course is rated #1 undergraduate nursing course in Australia on all educational experience indicators. Our Teaching course is Australia's #1 teaching course for learner engagement and #1 for teaching quality (*The Good Universities Guide 2024*).

#1 for Full Time Employment

The Graduate Outcome Survey for 2023 shows that the undergraduate full time employment rate for Avondale University is 97.7%, making us the highest rank in that category (*2023 Graduate Outcomes Survey National Report - QILT 2024*).

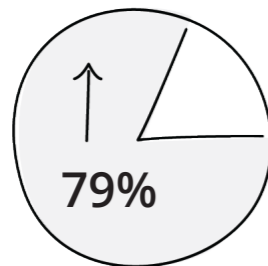
The Value of a University Degree

Why Uni?

A university degree is a significant milestone in a young adult's life, offering far-reaching benefits that extend beyond academic achievement. It not only equips students with specialised knowledge and critical thinking skills essential for their chosen careers but also enhances their personal development, fostering independence, resilience, and a lifelong love for learning. Moreover, a university education opens doors to a broader range of career opportunities, often leading to higher earning potential and greater job stability. As a parent, supporting your child's pursuit of a university degree means investing in their future success, personal growth, and the ability to navigate and thrive in an increasingly complex and dynamic world.

Career & Earning Potential

A 2023 study found that people with a certificate, diploma, or degree are 79% more likely to be employed than those without a qualification. (Australian Bureau of Statistics 2023)



90% of Jobs Require Post School Studies

The National Skills Commission found that by 2026 nine out of ten new jobs will require a post school qualification. (Projecting Employment to 2026, National Skills Commission 2022)



Our Story

Avondale University has been pioneering holistic education since 1897. Established as a missionary college, Avondale set out to prepare people for service in the developing mission work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. Since the 1950s, we have been providing Christian higher education with our course offerings expanding in 1974. Our values of Excellence, Spirituality, Wellbeing, Integrity, and Service are woven throughout our history. We want to empower our students to serve their world for good.

Our Values

- Excellence
- Spirituality
- Wellbeing
- Integrity
- Service

what our parents say...

"Avondale University is my alma mater - the university (college in 1990) that I graduated from with a degree in Education, majoring in Religion and minoring in History. It was and continues to be one of the very finest educational institutions in the nation. Not only is it an investment in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its leadership now, but in the future too. In fact, literally every major Adventist leader in the church today comes from Avondale University. The South Pacific Church owes Avondale University a debt of gratitude it can never repay. Nationally and internationally the graduates of Avondale University have been blessing the world since 1897. Of my 4 children, 2 have graduated from there, and one is about to go. If you have children heading toward university age, then I encourage you to get them to consider this excellent institution of higher learning. May Avondale University continue to advance God and Christian learning until Jesus comes. I feel so blessed to have it as such an important part to my life."

- Lloyd Grolimund

Student Life

The Avondale Experience—it's so much more than just what happens in the classroom. We offer a holistic experience, with opportunities for spiritual and personal growth. The community and lifestyle is what makes studying with us so unique. There are plenty of on-and off-campus opportunities for students to connect, be more active through team sport, and serve the greater community.



We provide multiple living options at our Lake Macquarie and Sydney campuses that offer a dynamic social atmosphere and a supportive academic community. Ask about our **free accommodation offer for Lake Macquarie students.**

what our students say...

"The community at Avondale is what makes it so enjoyable. Not only are the facilities amazing, but the lecturers' personalised care is amazing too. They want you to succeed. They want you to be the best nurse that you can be."

- Emma, Nursing

"Avondale is the place to be. I think it's the best place to study teaching in Australia. The engagement you get with the lecturers and your classmates and the practical way that they teach and you learn is really positive."

- Jono, Teaching

"I love Avondale for the lecturers. They are genuinely good people that want to see you thrive."

- Ryan, Counselling

Expect Better

We want to set students up for success. We offer:

- A free wellbeing program
- High-quality teaching
- One on one access to lecturers
- On-campus accommodation

We are here to help from the beginning, by assisting our students through the application process, explaining their options, then helping them enrol.

Our Beautiful Campuses

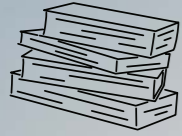
Students love the green, natural environment of our beautiful Lake Macquarie campus (located between Newcastle and Central Coast) and the state-of-the-art health facilities of our campus at Sydney Adventist Hospital on the North Shore.

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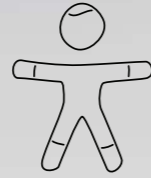
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Student Support Services



Academic Support

We offer a range of academic support services on both campuses, including access to Learning Advisors (tutors) and Library resources.



Disability Services

Students with a disability or medical condition are encouraged to contact Avondale Libraries' disability services Librarian for extra care and support throughout their studies.



Equity and Diversity

We are committed to fostering an inclusive culture which promotes equality, values diversity, supports disability and maintains a working, learning and social environment in which the rights and dignity of all its staff and students are respected.



Student Associations

We have two student associations, Avondale Student Association (ASA, Lake Macquarie) and Avondale Nursing Student Association (ANSA, Sydney). ASA and ANSA are the student voice, and help shape life on campus.



Counselling Services

Avondale University offers confidential counselling on both the Lake Macquarie and Sydney campuses.



Getting into Uni

ATAR vs Selection Rank. What's the difference?

Selection Rank is your child's ATAR plus Adjustment Factors. It is the score required for admission into a degree. ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) measures students against one another in their cohort. It's a number between 0.00 and 99.95, based on their best subjects in the final years of school. This rank helps universities pick students that are ready for the courses they want to study. A good ATAR can open doors to many exciting educational and career opportunities.

What if my child's ATAR isn't enough?

There is more than one way to get into uni, so if your child's ATAR does not meet the requirements, don't worry. We have alternate pathway options.

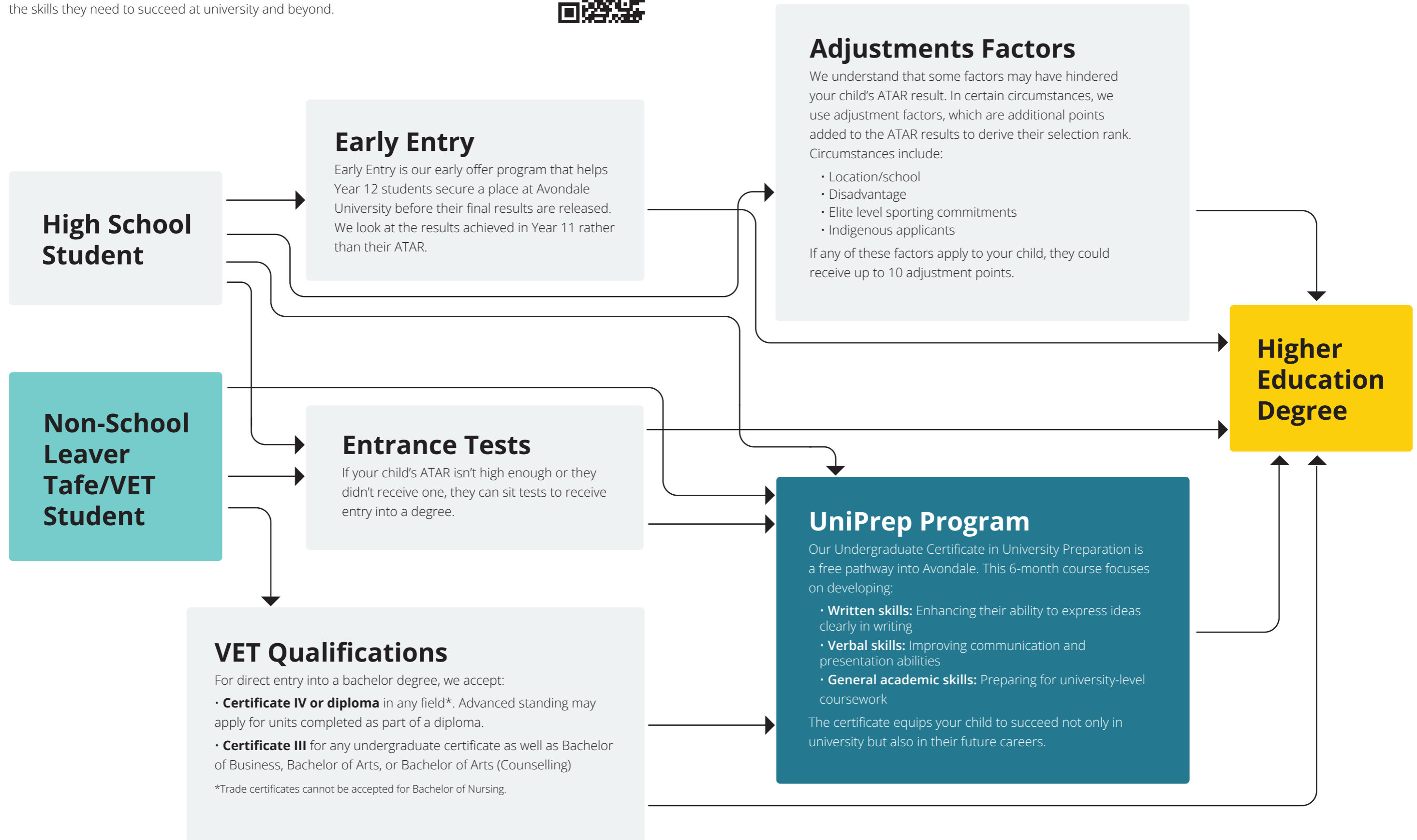
Higher Education and VET Courses

Course Name	Selection Rank	Delivery	Years
Bachelor of Nursing	63	On campus	3
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)	63	On campus	4
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary)	63	On campus	4
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching	63	On campus	4
Bachelor of Business	60	On campus/Online	3
Bachelor of Arts	60	On campus	3
Bachelor of Arts (Counselling)	60	On campus/Mixed Mode	3
Bachelor of Ministry and Theology	63	On campus/Online	4
Bachelor of Theology	63	On campus/Online	3
Associate Degree in Theological Studies	63	On campus/Online	2
Diploma of Business	45	On campus/Online	1
Undergraduate Certificate in Business	45	On campus/Online	0.5
Undergraduate Certificate in Science	45	On campus	0.5
Undergraduate Certificate in University Preparation	45	On campus	0.5
SIS40621 Certificate IV in Outdoor Leadership	N/A	On campus	1
SIS50421 Diploma of Outdoor Leadership	N/A	On campus	1
CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing)	N/A	On campus	0.5

NOTE: If we don't offer your child's preferred course but they want the Avondale experience, your child can still live on campus and study at another university.

Pathways to University

There's more than one way your child can get into their chosen degree. Avondale University offers pathway programs and other entry options to help your child develop the skills they need to succeed at university and beyond.



How to Apply



Need support investing in your child's future?

From fee loans, scholarships and grants, to government subsidies, we want to make studying easier for students. There are many ways to ease the financial burden of study. Explore how you can reduce your child's tuition.

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)

A CSP is a subsidised higher education enrolment where the Australian Government contributes a portion of tuition fees. Your child is responsible for paying the remaining student contribution. Find out which of our courses have Commonwealth Supported Places available.



HELP Loans

FEE-HELP and HECS-HELP loans are available to pay all or part of the tuition fees. Learn more about whether your child is eligible to apply for this Australian Government scheme.



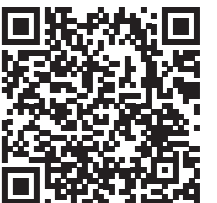
Scholarships

We offer a range of generous scholarships. These recognise qualities such as achievement, commitment or passion and support equitable access to higher education.



Economic Hardship Grants

We offer economic hardship grants that help make a university education possible where financial need can be demonstrated. Apply for a grant today.



Student Employment

Opportunities exist for casual on-campus work in departments such as cleaning, food services and Students and Engagement.




Centrelink


If your child is studying full time and is between the ages of 16 and 24, they may be eligible for Youth Allowance.



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