

# Step Up Into Teaching

## Frequently Asked Questions 2026

### What is SUIiT?

Step Up Into Teaching (SUIiT) is an Australian Catholic University (ACU) early entry program. It provides students currently in year 11 considering a career in teaching the opportunity to experience learning in a university environment. Secondary school students participating in SUIiT will have the opportunity to study one or two University-level Units while completing their school studies.

### Why would I consider applying for SUIiT?

If you pass the SUIiT units, you will receive a conditional offer to study a Bachelor of Education degree at ACU. Once you've enrolled in that degree, you will receive credit for those units. Therefore you can knock over two of the units normally contained in your first year before you start, HECS-free.

You will also gain a real world experience of university learning skills such as referencing, study skills and navigating a university campus. This might help you decide if university studies are right for you.

### Am I a good candidate?

You will be a SUIiT candidate if:

- You're doing very well at school and are looking for an academic challenge AND/OR
- You think you might want to go to University, but are not really sure what that would mean for you. Perhaps you are the first in your family to consider it.

In addition:

- You are interested in becoming a teacher in a primary or secondary setting
- Your literacy and numeracy are strong enough to support you. Your Year 10 report card might describe your English and Maths results as 'very good' or 'excellent'.
- You are the sort of student who could reasonably expect to gain at least 3 Band 5s in your HSC (ask your Careers Advisor or Year Coordinator if you're not sure)
- You have a reasonably good idea of what being a teacher may entail, e.g. you enjoyed work experience in a school or related setting.

### Where and when is SUIiT held?

SUIiT is held in person at the Strathfield campus of the Australian Catholic University. There will be two units, each of which will require in-person attendance. Attendance at all scheduled sessions is mandatory.

The dates for 2024 are:

- **EDEZ100 - Understanding Learning and Teaching:** Wednesday 8th July - Wednesday 15th July 2026
- **EDEZ103 - Understanding Learners and Their Contexts:** Wednesday 13th January - Wednesday 20th January 2027

## What written assessments would I need to complete?

Each unit has 2 or 3 Assessment Tasks, which may be written, presentations and/or tests. Your scores from these tasks will add up to your final mark. That mark will determine your grade (Pass, Credit, Distinction, High Distinction). You need to gain at least 50% of the available marks to pass.

## How much does it cost?

Funded places in SUIIT are paid for by Sydney Catholic Schools, so there is no cost to you.

## How do I apply?

1. Discuss your application with your Careers Advisor or Year Coordinator. You need to secure your Principal's recommendation.
2. Bring at least one parent or carer to the parent information evening held by ACU
3. Complete the application form, including your [application video](#), before the due date.

## When will I know whether I've been accepted?

Sydney Catholic Schools will announce funded places in June, 2026.

## Can I receive Uni credit for my work in SUIIT?

Yes. Units that you pass can be credited for Recognition of Prior Learning at Australian Catholic University. If you choose to enrol at a different University you would need to enquire with them about whether they will recognise your result.

## Can SUIIT count for my HSC?

No. SUIIT is a concurrent enrollment programme, so you need to also take courses approved by NESAs to achieve your HSC (or equivalent in the International Baccalaureate) in addition to SUIIT.

## A conditional offer? What are the conditions?

Offers are made to SUIIT students by Australian Catholic University on the condition that the student completes their HSC.

For entry to a teaching degree, NESAs also require that you achieve:

- At least 3 Band 5 results (or equivalent in an alternate programme, e.g. IB) in any subject, one of which must be English.
- At least Band 4 in Maths if you want to be a Primary teacher.

If you don't meet those results, there are bridging courses available. Check out the offerings at your chosen University.