



Step Up Into Teaching
Australian Catholic University
with
Sydney Catholic Schools



Meeting Norms

- Mute unless called on
- Camera optional
- Neutral background
- Professional presentation and language
- Questions in the chat



Acknowledgement of Country

I acknowledge the Dharug People as
the Traditional Custodians of the land
I am speaking from.

We also pay our respects to the
Traditional Custodians of the diverse
lands you are joining us from tonight.

We acknowledge all Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander families and
communities and acknowledge their
deep physical and spiritual
connections to their land.



\$1,453

GRADUATE
WEEKLY PAY

515,000

WORKFORCE
SIZE IN
AUSTRALIA

53.7

AVERAGE
HOURS PER
WEEK

14%

EARLY CAREER
TEACHERS

57%

CLASSROOM
TEACHERS

75%

PERMANENT
EMPLOYMENT

Pathways Into Teaching

Undergraduate:

- Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of _____/Education

Postgraduate:

- Bachelor of Subject
- Master of Teaching

SUiT

Year 11 Students

- Early Childhood
- Primary
- Secondary
- Special Education

2 Units HECS Free

July & January Holidays





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What is the SUIT Program?



Secure Pathway to ACU

SUIT offers a clear entry into an ACU Initial Teacher Education degree by completing two university-level units:

- **Year 11:** First unit
- **Year 12:** Second unit

Partnership with Catholic Systemic Schools

SUIT is a collaborative initiative with Catholic Education Systemic Schools, aligning with their workforce planning and recruitment goals.

Equity and Social Justice

Rooted in ACU's mission, SUIT promotes equity in education by widening participation and supporting students from diverse backgrounds.

Targeting Future Educators

The program is designed for high-achieving students who are passionate about teaching and want to make a difference in their communities.



1 Six-Day Intensive Model

Days 1–2:

- Academic Skills Workshops
 - ✓ Transitioning to university learning
 - ✓ Time management
 - ✓ Academic writing & referencing
- Introduction to unit content

Days 3–6:

- Unit-specific content
- Delivered through a **blended learning** model



Blended Learning Structure

- 🎤 **Lectures** – Asynchronous (pre-recorded, flexible access)
- 👥 **Workshops** – Face-to-face (interactive, on-campus sessions)

HSC Academic Requirements

Students must achieve **three Band 5 results**, including **English**

→ This requirement is met by successfully completing **80 credit points** in the first year of your ACU teaching degree

+ Mathematics Requirement for Primary Education

Students must achieve at least a **Band 4 in Mathematics**

→ This is fulfilled by completing a **Mathematics unit** in your first year at ACU



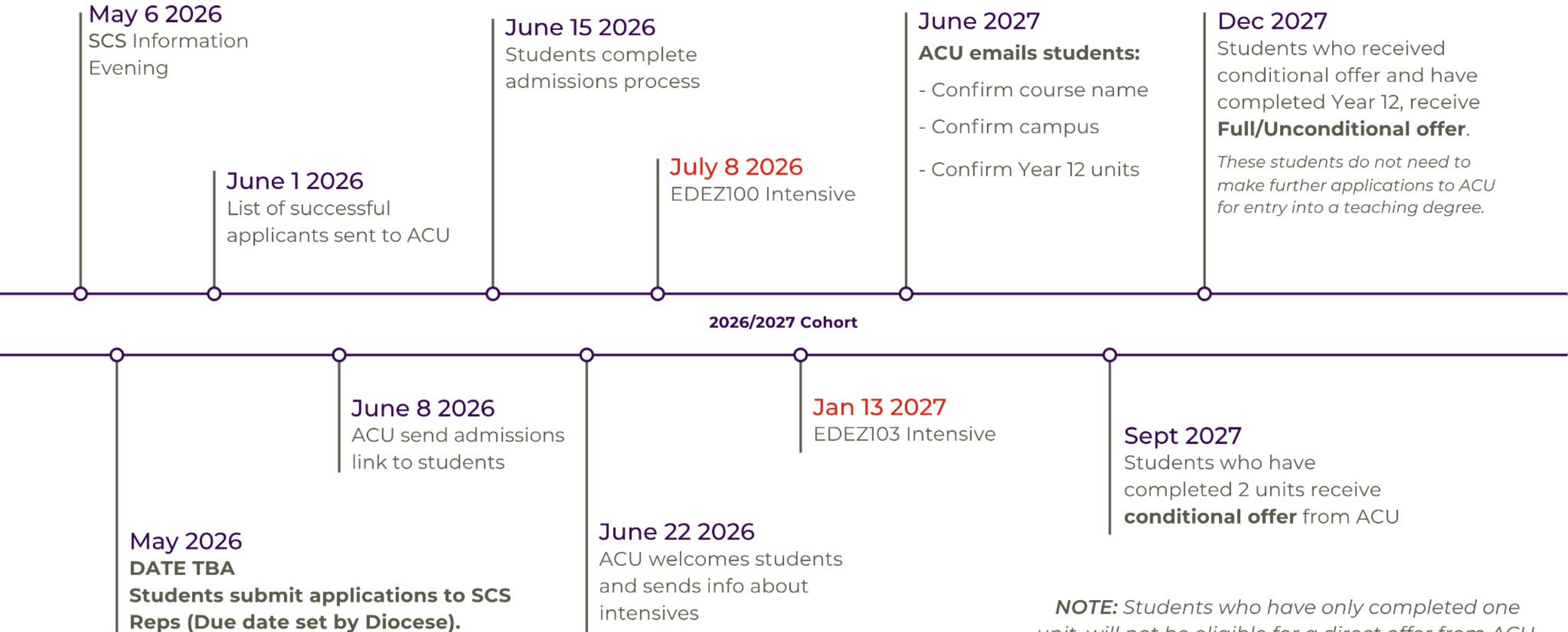
NSW
EDUCATION
STANDARDS
AUTHORITY

LANTITE – Literacy and Numeracy Test

All teaching students must pass the **LANTITE**

→ This must be attempted during your **first year of study**

SUiT Timeline 2026/2027



NOTE: *Students who have only completed one unit, will not be eligible for a direct offer from ACU. Students will need to apply directly through UAC*

Understanding Learning and Teaching

Delivery Dates:

July 2026 School Holidays

- **Wednesday 8th July – Wednesday 15th July**
- **6 Day On-Campus Intensive**

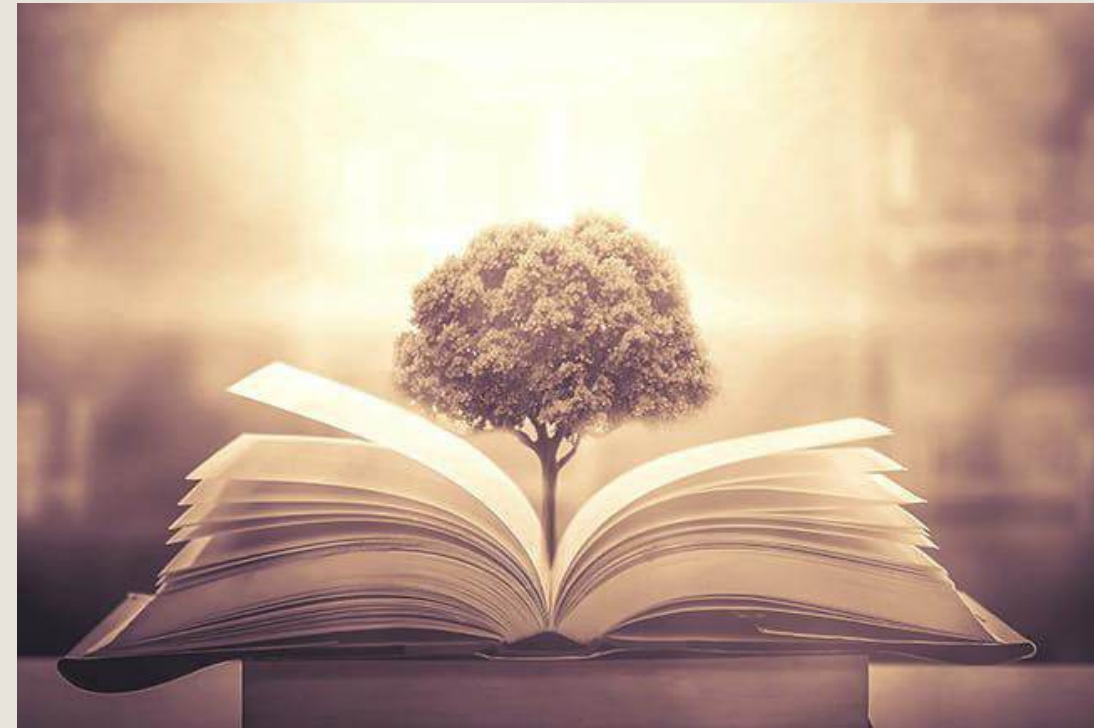
Focus Areas:

Foundations of learning and teaching

Introduction to educational theory and practice

Academic skills development (writing, referencing, time management)

This unit provides students with their first experience of university-level study and supports their transition into higher education.



Understanding Learners and Their Context

Delivery Dates:

January 2027 School Holidays

- **Wednesday 13th January – Wednesday 20th January**
- **6 Day On-Campus Intensive**

Focus Areas:

Understanding diverse learner needs

Exploring the social, cultural, and developmental contexts of learning

Building inclusive and responsive teaching practices

This unit builds on the academic skills and foundations of EDEZ100, deepening students' understanding of how learners engage with their world.



Assessment Examples (Sample Only)

Unit 1 – EDEZ100

Self-Learning Portfolio – 1000 words

Recorded Group Presentation – 40 minutes

Mini Quizzes – 4 quizzes, each with 10 multiple-choice questions

Unit 2 – EDEZ103

Scholarly Response – 2000 words

Recorded Contemporary Issue Presentation – 15 minutes

Mini Quizzes – 4 quizzes, each with 10 multiple-choice questions



These assessments are designed to build academic confidence and prepare students for university-level expectations.



✓ Show Up and Be Committed

100% attendance on campus is required for both units

📖 Be Prepared

Complete all **readings and preparation** before class

Submit **assignments by the due dates**

? Ask Questions

If you're unsure, **ask**—we're here to help!

🤝 Support Available

Academic skills support

Access to lecturers and tutors

Student Support Services (ASKACU, Counselling etc).



Free ACU Shuttle Bus

Departs from the **Kiss and Ride stand** at Strathfield train station (Strathfield Square)

Drops off at the **bus stop inside the front entry** of the campus

Runs every **10–15 minutes** during semesters and exams

Every **20–30 minutes** during breaks

First bus: 7:10 AM | Last bus: 9:15 PM

Public Buses

Sydney Buses: **408, 415, 458, 459, 466, 480, 525, 526**

All stop at Strathfield train station

Use the **Sydney Buses Transport Planner** to map your trip

Student Parking

Three designated parking areas available for students on campus



<https://www.acu.edu.au/yourfuture/study-education>

Course Options:

Early Childhood Education

- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)

Primary Teaching

- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)
- Bachelor of Education (Primary)
- Bachelor of Education (Primary and Special Education)
- Bachelor of Education (Primary and Secondary)

Secondary Teaching

- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)

Archaeology;

Business Studies;

Digital Technologies;

Drama;

Economics;

English;

Geography, Environment and Society;

History (Ancient and Modern);

Mathematics;

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education;

Study of Religions;

Visual Arts

Program Q&A

Please feel free to ask questions

Selection

Academic Challenge

AND/OR

Is uni the right path for you?

- Academic capability and aptitude
- Motivation: for teaching and SUIIT
- Community engagement
- Commitment to lifelong learning





Application

1. Gather documents:
 - a. Year 10 final report card
 - b. An assessment task with feedback
 - c. Letter from your Principal
2. Record your application video
3. Apply via:
<https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au/careers/scholarships>
4. Closing Date: 15 May



Questions	Answer
What is the atar for a secondary teaching degree?	67 last year, but it varies from year to year.
If I enrol into this, can I still do the HSC and get a Atar?	YES, this is strongly encouraged.
What is assessed for early entry at ACU?	ACU will consider whether you passed both units in SUIIT. To be selected for SUIIT, Sydney Catholic Schools will assess your academic capability and aptitude, motivation: for teaching and for SUIIT as your particular pathway, your current community engagement and your commitment to lifelong learning.
I am away for the July holidays is there an opportunity to do in the October holidays?	Unfortunately, no
In 2028 is only at Strathfield, or North Sydney as well?	SUIIT is only at Strathfield
How would enrolling in a double degree work?	Technically not possible via SUIIT, but you can transfer once you are an ACU student (March 2028)
How many positions are there?	SCS sponsors up to 50 students
How long should the video be?	3 minutes or less and a reasonable size
What do you need to include for the video?	Directions will be given on the instructions that address the selection criteria. Find the Instructions here .
Can you get a masters degree after?	Absolutely!
My year coordinator has told us to get our letter of recommendation from another teacher and get the principal to sign off on this. Is that still okay?	Yes, follow your year coordinators instructions
Does the year 10 report have to be semester 1 or 2?	Either full year or Semester 2 is appropriate- from the end of Year 10
Can we pick any assessment task we have completed in year 11?	Yes, you can use literacy or numeracy and show teacher feedback
Is it okay if the assessment we submit does not have a lot of feedback based off the mark?	It would be best if it has feedback as it shows how this task relates to the rest of your learning
If my school uses student numbers is it okay to ask my teacher for extra feedback to provide?	Yes, or chose another assessment task
Is the fees covered only for the first two courses, or the entire degree?	Year 12 student can apply for Future Teacher Scholarship or CEF Scholarship. More information is available on the website here .
How many credits are the first two units?	10 Credits each. A normal undergraduate degree has 32 units (320 credits)

Useful Documents

[2026 SUiT Flyer](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

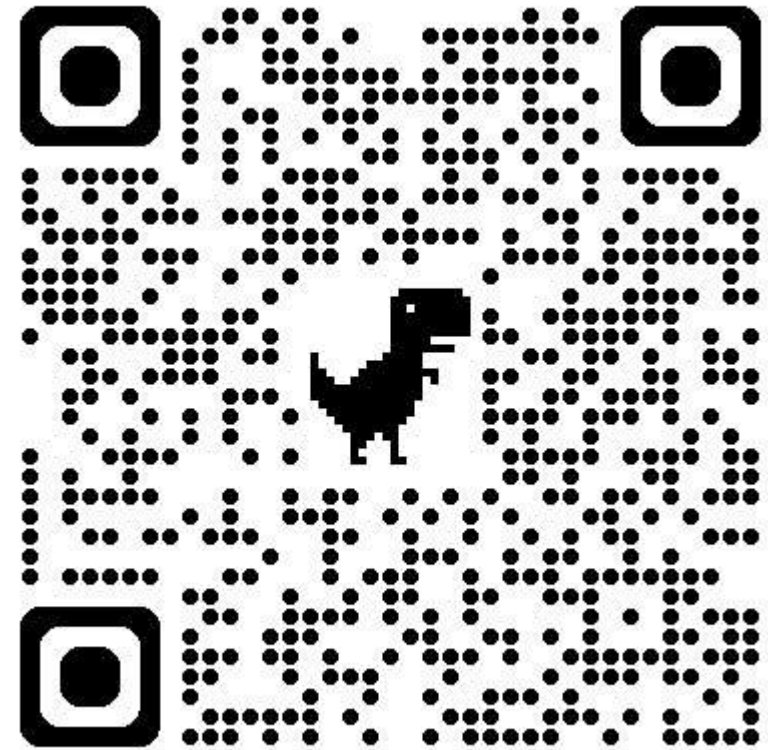
[Application Video Instructions](#)

[SCS Application Form](#)

Applications close 15 May



More Scholarship Information



Thank you

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