





**Find out more about why Flinders is the right choice for your child**



## Welcome

In an era of disruption and remarkable technological change we know that you want your child to be able to take advantage of the amazing opportunities that are arising.

That's why we're here. Flinders University is fearlessly growing its reputation as a world leader in research, an innovator in contemporary education and a source of enterprising graduates equipped to change the world.

We want your child to be one of those graduates, and we will support and empower them to graduate career ready, with the skills and knowledge to take on the world.

Welcome to Flinders University.

## Why Flinders?

**Join a university that can take you anywhere.**

Flinders is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world.

(THE World University Rankings 2023 as a percentage of the total number of universities in the world according to the International Association of Universities)

## Study with the best.

South Australia's No. 1 university for learner engagement, skills development and student support.

(The Good Universities Guide 2022 (undergraduate), public SA-founded universities only)

## Graduate career readiness.

Real world learning is core to the Flinders study experience. Work integrated learning with industry placements and projects to ensure your child is graduate career ready.

## Live on campus.

We are the only South Australian University that offers on-campus accommodation, with easy access to a vibrant student culture.

# Making the move from high school to university

University is different from high school, with a strong focus on independent learning, time management and personal responsibility.

As a parent, you may have been heavily involved with your child's secondary schooling. You probably went to parent/teacher meetings, you may have received newsletters or had various updates on your child's progress available through a school portal. At university, as students enter an adult learning environment, they become responsible for their own education.

Students at Flinders are treated as adults, and are entirely responsible for managing their time, picking their topics and staying on top of assessments. While a lot can be done online, attendance on campus is strongly encouraged for the best learning and academic results.

It can be a big jump for some students, but don't worry. We have a strong support structure in place to help them succeed.

To help with their transition here's a list of some of the basic differences.

## High School

### Attendance

Fixed Timetables. Students are required to attend all classes during school hours.

### Class hours

Usually around 30 contact hours per week.

### Learning

Mostly within a classroom setting and heavily theory based.

### Class sizes

Normally limited to 30 students or less.

### Deadlines

Teachers can be lenient with due dates and are usually happy to provide extensions.

### Teachers vs lecturers

Teachers will usually approach students if they need assistance or support.

### Referencing

Students are not required to reference their written work.

### Contact with parents

Parents and guardians are in contact with teachers regularly to help guide students in the right direction.

### Subject selections

Studies are more structured, and students are required to study a wider range of subjects.

## Book a personalised campus tour with your child during the school holidays.



## University

More flexibility. Students can manage their own timetable.

Usually from 8-25 contact hours per week depending on the choice of course.

Most learning can be done online and outside of the classroom; however, some degrees also integrate more hands-on practical learning.

Lectures up to 300 students and tutorials/workshops can hold 15-30 students.

Extensions can be requested, however supporting documentation will be required.

Lecturers are willing to help, however students need to initiate contact.

Referencing is required in all assignments or written work.

University staff cannot talk to parents (or anyone else) about student information without appropriate consent.

Studies are more tailored, and students can specialise in a degree that interests them.

# There are many terms used within a university that may be unfamiliar or confusing. Below are a few terms that may need explanation.

## Admission pathway

Any one of the options available to a prospective higher education student that will enable them to meet the entry requirements of their chosen courses.

## ATAR

Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank: A Rank calculated so that Universities and other tertiary education providers can compare students who have completed different types of year 12 study.

## Adjustment factors

Often referred to as 'bonus points', these are additional points that may be used in combination with an applicant's university aggregate to derive their course selection rank.

## Bachelor's degree

The first degree most people study, a bachelor's degree is an undergraduate qualification that typically requires three to four years of study. It serves as a foundation for further specialisation or entry into the workforce.

## Campus

The grounds on which a university is located. Some universities have several, others have only one.

## Deferring

The term used when a student receives an offer from a university but chooses to delay their start by six months to one year.

## Elective

A unit of study that gives student more flexibility in what they want to study. Can often be chosen from a list of options which allow for more detailed study of a particular subject or interest area apart from the core units.

## Field trip

Any work, research, study or activity approved by a college/portfolio undertaken by staff and students off-campus at an urban, rural, remote, freshwater or marine location.

## Guaranteed entry selection rank

Achieve a selection rank equal to or above the published guaranteed entry selection rank and you'll be guaranteed a place at Flinders.

## HECS

Financial loan available to eligible students enrolled in a Commonwealth Supported Place at a University.

## Lecture

A class that is intended to present all the really important information to the students. Usually it's one-way communication – with the lecturer speaking to the students.

## Major

A sequence of topics required to be taken as defined in your course rule, normally across all years of a course.

## Minor

A sequence of topics required to be taken as defined in your course rule, generally as part of a major.

## Offer round/s

Refers to the series of dates on which offers of higher education places are issued to applicants throughout the year, whether through a tertiary admission centre or directly by a higher education provider.

## Placements

Student placements give learners the opportunity to apply the theory and skills they gain while studying in a professional workplace.

## Practical

A hands-on learning session in a controlled setting where students apply theory to real-world scenarios.

## Prerequisite

The set conditions a student must satisfy to gain entrance into a course. It might be work experience or subjects studied at school.

## SATAC

South Australia Tertiary Admission Centre processes applications for admission to most undergraduate and some postgraduate courses at many universities.

## Selection rank

The ranking that tertiary admission centres and most universities actually use to assess admission to a course.

## Semester

The academic year is divided into two semesters for most teaching. Some topics are held in summer and other non-semester periods.

## Tutorial

A facilitated discussion and exploration of ideas and key concepts. Usually smaller than a workshop or a lecture. Students are encouraged to have a high level of engagement and participation.

## Undergraduate

Undergraduate education is education conducted after secondary education and prior to postgraduate education. It typically includes all post-secondary programs up to the level of a bachelor's degree.

# How can you help?

It doesn't matter if you attended university or not, your broader knowledge and experience is important.

The skills your child will develop at Flinders will help them move towards a fulfilling career. However, university life is different from high school, and as their university years approach, some students can be concerned about their ability to smoothly make the transition.

Your ongoing support and visible confidence in their capabilities can go a long way. Reassure them and help them develop a familiarity with university by:

- encouraging the discussion of career options
- assuring them that it is okay to be undecided and that there are a variety of pathways to higher education and employment
- helping them understand their options and assisting them in carefully choosing their Year 10, 11 and 12 subjects to ensure they have the required knowledge (assumed knowledge) and meet the prerequisites for their desired course
- making sure your child knows how to access various support systems including support here at Flinders
- encouraging work/life balance by ensuring they use their first semester to focus on managing their workload effectively
- supporting and congratulating them for having started this journey.

**Find out more about our pathways at [flinders.edu.au/pathways](https://flinders.edu.au/pathways)**

Some degrees require students to complete specific Year 12 subjects (prerequisites) or have a certain level of understanding of a subject (assumed knowledge). You'll find details for each degree via [flinders.edu.au/study](https://flinders.edu.au/study)

If you have any questions about pathways, assumed knowledge, prerequisites, or anything else that can help your child successfully transition to Flinders, contact Ask Flinders at [askflinders@flinders.edu.au](mailto:askflinders@flinders.edu.au)



“I do not want anything to hold me back. I've let things in the past as a young kid, you know, being self-conscious and stuff. But I refuse to do that anymore.”

**Lucia Franks**

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)

**Find out how Lucia Franks challenged herself and found her place at Flinders**



# Preparing Year 12 students

## A year of consolidation

Year 12 can be high pressure for many students. Your child will need your patience and support as they focus on maximising their academic performance and making the most of their SACE.

Across the year, Flinders provides a series of information sessions held in the school environment. These sessions are designed to help students plan for their academic futures and help parents and caregivers advise and support students.

## We Also Offer...

### Parent sessions

Contact your school to request a session to highlight the various university pathways and other options that are available. We also provide insights into the expectations of employers and the importance of managing a professional and positive online presence.

# Preparing Year 10 & 11 students

## Time to plan ahead

During Years 10 and 11, the future begins to feel much closer, and students need to start considering their steps towards university. Together with your secondary school, you can help them begin to plan for their university years.

In Year 10, help them to:

- start to consider the sort of careers that appeal to them
- identify Year 10 subjects, based on their strengths and interests to help them make informed subject choices in Years 11 and 12.

By Year 11, it's time to:

- understand what they might want to study at university and be aware of the pathways to that study when making subject decisions
- lock in good study habits and routines for Year 12 and beyond.

In both Year 10 and Year 11, we provide a series of information sessions, usually in their school environment, designed to complement the curriculum and their personal development goals, and to help them plan for their academic future. We also have many services designed to help your child explore course, career, and pathway options. This includes supporting them with the Personal Learning Plan (PLP) component of their SACE. Contact [askfinders@finders.edu.au](mailto:askfinders@finders.edu.au) for details.

## We Also Offer...

### Parent sessions

Contact your school to request a session that will give you the chance to better understand the pathways to university. Usually held after hours at your school, this also provides insights into the expectations of employers and the importance of having a positive online presence.

### Campus visits and other experiences

Your school can organise interactive campus visits or other experiences. These help students become familiar with the university through exposure to university students, lectures, workshops, and campus facilities. Contact your school for details.

## Other Useful Information

### SACE Stage 2

Important SACE Stage 2 information with links to higher education pathways.

[sace.sa.edu.au/studying](http://sace.sa.edu.au/studying)

### Flinders University library access

Flinders University allows Year 12 students to use our library services and resources to help support their studies. Simply register with the library as part of our Year 12 and SACE Project Program.

[library.finders.edu.au/borrowing](http://library.finders.edu.au/borrowing)

### uniTEST

uniTEST gives Year 12s the opportunity to enhance their chances of getting into their preferred degree at Flinders. Find out how at [finders.edu.au/unitest](http://finders.edu.au/unitest)

### Extension Studies

Extension Studies is open to high-achieving Year 12 students from all schools in SA and allows students to enrol into a first-year university subject while completing their Year 12. Find out more at [finders.edu.au/extension](http://finders.edu.au/extension)

# Applying for university

**Once a student has chosen a career path they are interested in, the next step is to apply.**

All students – both Australian and International – studying Year 12 in Australia must apply online through SATAC at [satac.edu.au](http://satac.edu.au). SATAC applications open in early August and should be submitted before the end of September to avoid late fees. For more details on application dates, please refer to the SATAC Guide or website.

## How should they order their preferences?

Check they are eligible for the courses they list:

- Do they have the prerequisite subjects or assumed knowledge, if required?
- Will they meet any other selection requirements?

Up to six preferences can be chosen in the SATAC Uni system and applications can be amended up until mid-December. They should list these in the order in which they would like to study them, with the one they would like most listed first. If they cannot be offered a place in their first preference; they will then be considered for their second preference and so on.

## Consider a backup plan.

Ensure your child includes our recommended pathway courses in their preferences. Get them to call us when they receive their results, and we will offer them personalised advice to maximise their chances of receiving an offer to their first preference in an alternative pathway. Call **1300 354 633**.

## How will they be selected?

In most instances, the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available. Eligible applicants must therefore be ranked in order of merit. The university will fill the places with the highest qualified applicants.

Their chances of being selected into a degree may depend upon:

- the number of places available
- how many other eligible applicants there are
- how competitive their Selection Rank (or other method of entry) and other criteria (if relevant) are in relation to the other eligible applicants
- their eligibility for guaranteed entry
- their performance in Flinders uniTEST.

## What is a Guaranteed Entry Selection rank?

Students who achieve a Selection Rank equal to or above the published Guaranteed Entry Selection Rank and meet any course prerequisites, will be guaranteed a place at Flinders. All they need to do is ensure they have listed Flinders courses first in their preferences and they will be offered a place in the highest Flinders course preference for which they are eligible. A list of Guaranteed Entry Selection Ranks can be found at: [flinders.edu.au/selectionranks](http://flinders.edu.au/selectionranks)

## How do they calculate their adjusted selection rank?

Points are added to their university aggregate, not their ATAR. Once they have received their results, get them to contact Flinders for their adjusted selection rank.

**How will they find out if they have been offered a place at Flinders?**

The main offer round is in late December, shortly after the release of year 12 results. They can check their offer online on the SATAC website. Offers are also emailed via SATAC and printed in The Advertiser. They must respond to their offer and follow any instructions detailed in their offer email.

Remember, there are numerous offer rounds so if they do not receive their first preference, get them to speak to us about their options.

## Can they defer their place at Flinders?

It is possible for students to defer their place in most Flinders courses. This means their place will be kept for them to begin studying the following year. They simply just activate their Flinders account by following the link on their offer letter, defer their offer and we will be in contact with what to do next. Check to see if their preferred course is deferrable, and see further instructions at [flinders.edu.au/defer](http://flinders.edu.au/defer)

## What if they don't like the degree they've started?

If students start studying a degree at Flinders and decide that it is not for them, they can:

1. Apply to transfer to another Flinders degree via internal transfer. In March and April Flinders will offer drop-in advice sessions on changing course. Find out more at [flinders.edu.au/internaltransfer](http://flinders.edu.au/internaltransfer)
2. Withdraw from the topics that they are enrolled in. However, to withdraw without incurring fees, they must withdraw before census date, the last day to withdraw without incurring student contribution amounts, tuition fees or student services and amenities fees. Find out more at [flinders.edu.au/withdraw](http://flinders.edu.au/withdraw)

If you would like further advice about various courses, such as part-time study options, see the relevant Course Advice details page for contact details. [flinders.edu.au/courseadvice](http://flinders.edu.au/courseadvice)

# Fees and finance

## Frequently asked questions for Commonwealth supported students.

### What does commonwealth supported mean?

“Commonwealth supported” means the cost of study is shared between the Australian Government and the student. Students pay a student contribution amount, and the government pays the balance of their course costs.

### Is your child eligible for Commonwealth support?

Commonwealth supported places are only available to domestic students i.e., Australian citizen, permanent humanitarian visa holders, permanent residents, and New Zealand citizens. At Flinders all our undergraduate programs for domestic students are commonwealth supported.

### What is HECS-HELP, and will my child be eligible for it?

HECS-HELP is a loan program established to help Commonwealth supported students pay their student contribution amounts. Only Australian citizens or permanent humanitarian visa holders are eligible for HECS-HELP.

### How can your child apply for a HECS-HELP loan?

All Commonwealth supported students must complete a Commonwealth Assistance Form (CAF) before enrolling. This form will be available during the online enrolment process. If your child is eligible and wishes to apply for a HECS-HELP loan, they must supply their Tax File Number (TFN) when they complete their CAF.

### When do students start repaying their HELP loan?

They do not have to start repaying their HELP debt until their income is above the minimum threshold, which is approximately \$51,550 in the 2023-2024 tax year.

Find out more at [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au)

### What is the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF)?

SSAF is used to fund non-academic student services and amenities, e.g., food and beverage services, advocacy and welfare services, student clubs, etc. Fees are charged in proportion to enrolment and will be capped at a maximum rate in any calendar year.

To check the fees charged, visit: [flinders.edu.au/ssaf](http://flinders.edu.au/ssaf)

### Can students defer payment of their SSAF?

Australian citizens or permanent humanitarian visa holders may obtain a SA-Help loan from the Australian Government to defer payment of the SSAF.

### How do students apply for the SA-HELP loan?

Australian citizens or permanent humanitarian visa holders can apply for a SA-HELP loan via Flinders University's Student System during the enrolment process. To defer their SSAF they must submit a request for SA-HELP assistance form in addition to any other HELP form they may have submitted.

### Scholarships at Flinders University

With over 450 scholarships worth \$2.4M in total and ranging from \$1,000 - \$20,000, Flinders can help you make the most of your child's university experience. Flinders provides scholarships to students from low socioeconomic backgrounds, students from rural and regional areas and Indigenous students.

Find out more at [flinders.edu.au/scholarships/](http://flinders.edu.au/scholarships/)

### Financial advocacy

Once students are at uni, they can speak to a financial advocacy officer in the Flinders University Student Association (FUSA) to get help and advice with all things financial like budgeting, grant information, service referral, eligibility for government assistance etc.

[fusa.edu.au/financial-advocacy/](http://fusa.edu.au/financial-advocacy/)

# Graduate Career Readiness

Flinders University works hand in hand with industry to make sure that our graduating students are ready to step into a career.

At Flinders you will find::

- Relevant real-world learning core to the study experience
- Direct connections with industry through practical work integrated learning placements and industry projects
- 24/7 access to career resources
- Additional opportunities to get career ready with specialised workshops, resources and employer events..

## Careers and Employability Services

The service provides a range of programs and resources, including professional development and mentoring, access to employer events and careers advice. Parents can further support students by encouraging them to develop their professional skills by:

- undertaking career related casual employment
- linking to industry professional networks
- attending industry and employer events
- volunteering
- engaging fully in university life, including joining student associations.

The Careers and Employability Service supports students to do this by connecting them to a range of these types of experiences and opportunities, both during their studies and Career resources and job board access is available for 18 months after graduation.

Find out more at: [flinders.edu.au/careers](https://flinders.edu.au/careers)

## Useful careers resources

### Horizon Award

The Flinders Horizon Award program sits alongside of your academic studies; it is an innovative program that provides further opportunities to develop your professional skills and gain new experiences and insights that will benefit you now and in your future career.

[flinders.edu.au/horizon](https://flinders.edu.au/horizon)

### My future

My Future will help your child to develop self-knowledge, explore course, and career options. [myfuture.edu.au](https://myfuture.edu.au)

### Jobs and Skills Australia

Covering all industries and occupations, this careers and labour market research site provides advice on Australia's labour market, including advice on workforce needs and priorities.

[jobsandskills.gov.au](https://jobsandskills.gov.au)



“I have received so much support and guidance from staff at Flinders and I feel very lucky and proud to be part of this university.”

### Emily Runzi

Master of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management

**Find out how Work Integrated Learning helped Emily get career-ready**



# Key events and dates to remember

Each year Flinders offers a range of opportunities for school students to learn more about uni life and develop their learning plan in relation to career outcomes.

Visit our website or contact us for more information [flinders.edu.au](https://flinders.edu.au)

## Annual career events

- Adelaide Careers and Employment Expo
- Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo

## Flinders University annual open days

Our Open Days are held in August each year and are a great way for your child to get a taste of Flinders with more than 250 interactive activities, demonstrations, campus tours and information sessions over two big days.

## SATAC dates

SATAC offer rounds begin in late December after the release of Year 12 results and continue into the new year allowing for both Semester 1 and Semester 2 entry. Specific dates and further details can be found at the SATAC website. [satac.edu.au](https://satac.edu.au)

## O'Week

Orientation Week is held the week before classes in Semester 1, and the first week of classes in Semester 2. This is a week of festivities on campus to engage and welcome new students to Flinders. It's a fun and exciting time on campus with activities ranging from free food, entertainment, and live music to stalls representing different student organisations. It's a terrific opportunity for new students to build networks and friendships on campus.

Flinders Living also runs an orientation program parallel to O'Week to ensure new residents make new friends and feel comfortable in their new homes at University Hall or the Deirdre Jordan Village.

# Services and support

## Flinders Connect

Flinders Connect is the first point of call for all student services, including any questions you might have about enrolment, fees, and scholarships.

[flinders.edu.au/flindersconnect](https://flinders.edu.au/flindersconnect)

## Central Library

The Central Library is open 7 days a week during the academic year and includes 24/7 study zones.

[flinders.edu.au/library](https://flinders.edu.au/library)

## Health, Counselling and Disability Services

Flinders provides confidential and professional health, counselling, and disability services to all currently enrolled students. We can also assist students with equal opportunity concerns. The Health Service is a fully equipped medical centre located at Bedford Park campus. It provides emergency and routine medical care and is staffed by both male and female medical practitioners. All consultations are confidential and there is also a free counselling service.

[flinders.edu.au/hcd](https://flinders.edu.au/hcd)

## Academic support

The Student Learning Centre provides programs and services that can help your child to become an independent and effective learner, achieving their academic goals and developing the skills for life-long learning.

[flinders.edu.au/slc](https://flinders.edu.au/slc)

## Accommodation

Flinders is the only university in Adelaide that offers your child the opportunity to live on campus. Flinders Living offers accommodation for over 550 students at the University Hall and Deirdre Jordan Village.

[flinders.edu.au/living](https://flinders.edu.au/living)

## Sport and fitness

If your child loves their sport, the Bedford Park campus includes a state-of-the-art sport and fitness centre where they can work out while taking in the best views of any gym in Adelaide. Flinders also has courts and ovals for a variety of sports and a wide range of sporting teams, clubs, and events that they can get involved with.

[onesportandfitness.com.au](https://onesportandfitness.com.au)

## Elite athlete support

At Flinders, we are committed to supporting Australia's elite athletes to achieve academic excellence while also pursuing a sporting career and we appreciate how difficult it is to combine elite and high-performance ambitions with an academic workload. If a student is competing at the highest level in the state or above, they are considered eligible to apply and benefit from the flexible study approach that we have to offer.

[flinders.edu.au/eliteathlete](https://flinders.edu.au/eliteathlete)

## Careers and Employability Service

The Careers and Employability Service can help give your child the edge in their career. It provides a range of programs and resources, including professional development and mentoring, access to employers, events, and tailored careers advice.

[flinders.edu.au/careers](https://flinders.edu.au/careers)

## FUSA

The Flinders University Student Association represents students' rights and interests and is responsible for organising the social events on-campus, and the occasional off campus shenanigan.

[fusa.edu.au](https://fusa.edu.au)

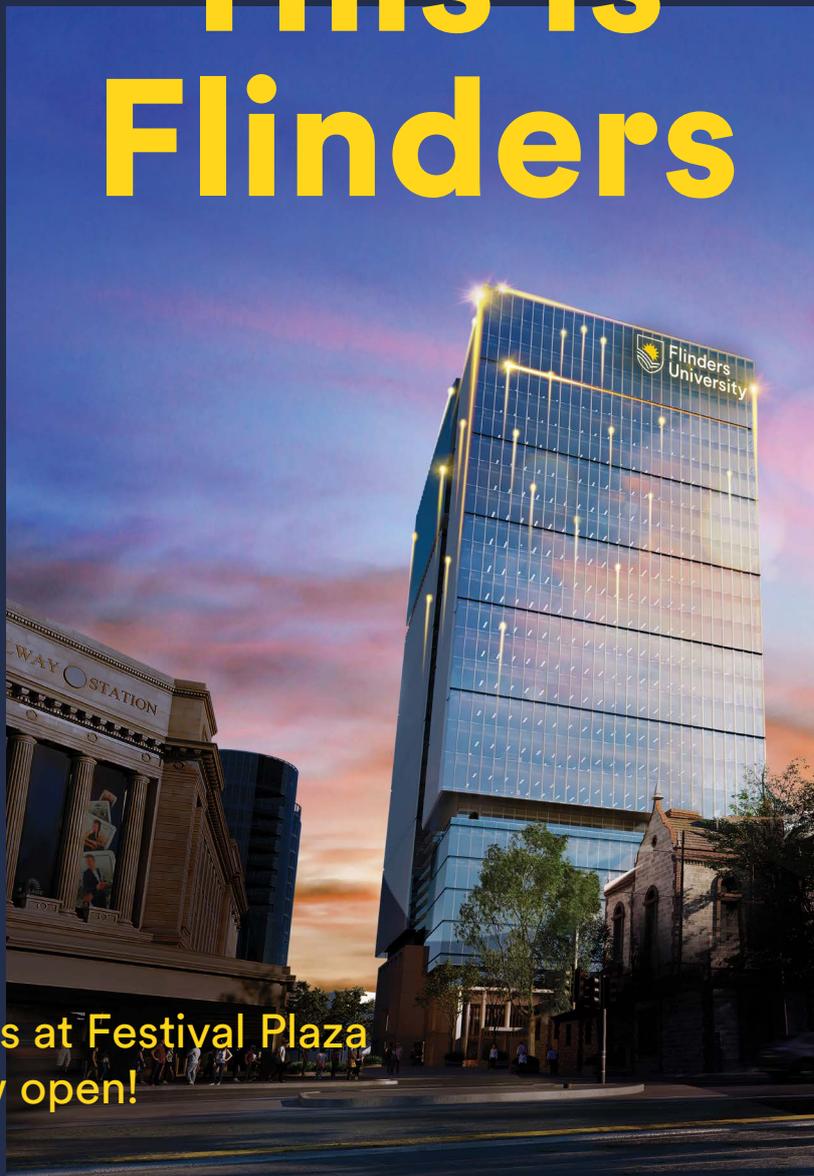
## Technology and spaces

A variety of 24/7 spaces and resources for students are available in the Hub, Library and in the Flinders Connect area.

## Food and retail

Flinders offers a wide range of food, beverage and retail outlets around the Hub and Plaza, including a fully functional student kitchen which is open 24/7.

# This is Flinders



**Flinders at Festival Plaza  
— now open!**

Flinders' Adelaide campuses include our main Bedford Park campus and Flinders at Tonsley, which features close links to industry. Our newest campus is the stunning Flinders at Festival Plaza on North Terrace, right beside the Adelaide Railway Station.

Take a virtual tour of Flinders University and explore our amazing locations.



## **Flinders at Festival Plaza**

Flinders University's cutting edge, vertical campus offers a new way of learning in the heart of the city. Flinders at Festival Plaza has been designed for flexibility, collaboration and immersion. Here, students will gain the knowledge and practical skills they need to confidently step into their careers.

Spanning eight levels, with multiple state-of-the-art teaching spaces, Flinders' new city campus is designed for innovative and adaptable learning, catering to an extensive range of study programs. Every floor has dedicated spaces for students to come together, learn from industry experts and be inspired by a world of learning possibilities.

## **Bedford Park**

Flinders' huge main campus features an award-winning hub and plaza, with retail, food outlets and a state-of-the-art sport and fitness centre.

## **Tonsley**

Flinders at Tonsley is a place where our students interact with business, and where business interacts with our researchers in areas such as engineering, medical devices and nanoscale technologies.

## **Contact us**

**Our friendly staff are available to answer your questions:**

**1300 354 633 (local call cost) | [askfinders@flinders.edu.au](mailto:askfinders@flinders.edu.au) | [flinders.edu.au/ask](https://flinders.edu.au/ask)**

**International students should contact:**

**+61 8 8201 2727 | [flinders.edu.au/international](https://flinders.edu.au/international) | [INTLAdmissions@flinders.edu.au](mailto:INTLAdmissions@flinders.edu.au)**

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