

Graduation

Frequently Asked Questions

DATE AND TIME

Date: Tuesday, 15 December 2026

Time: 4:30pm-8:00pm

Location: Sunshine Coast Health Institute
6 Doherty Street, Birtinya QLD 4575

Ticket prices

Graduands	\$71.50 (GST + Service fee inc.)
Guests	Free
Children (10 and under)	Free

Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite, here:

2026SCHIGrad.eventbrite.com.au

The price of the ticket covers entry, regalia and catering. Due to venue capacity, each graduand is limited to **two** guest tickets each.

PREPARING FOR GRADUATION

Check your eligibility

To be eligible to graduate you must have completed all course requirements and student fees must be up to date.

If you are concerned about your eligibility, speak with your teachers and they can advise you if you're on track to complete your course.

Registration

Completing your course does not automatically register you for graduation.

If you wish to attend, you must purchase a ticket in advance—**no tickets will be sold at the door on the day.**

Please also take note of the ticket purchase cut-off date to ensure you don't miss out.

I don't know my student number, what do I do?

Call 1300 308 233 or visit the Student Services counter at your campus for assistance.

What if I don't pass my course?

If you've already registered and paid, but later find out you're not eligible to graduate, you'll be entitled to a refund.

If you're unsure whether you'll complete your qualification, speak with your teacher—they can confirm whether you're on track to graduate.

**Please see refund details below*

ABOUT THE CEREMONY

Wellbeing

Graduation day is full of excitement, and it also happens to fall during Queensland's hottest time of year.

Make sure to drink plenty of water and eat throughout the day to keep your energy levels up—you'll need it with everything going on.

Please bring your email confirmation to the event.

There will be **no entry to the venue** without your registration ticket. This can either be on your phone or printed and must be shown at the registration desk upon your arrival for scanning.



Stay hydrated

This is our hottest time of year. Be sure to drink plenty of water and eat during the day to keep your energy up.



Don't be late

There is a lot to do prior to the ceremony including registration, robing, photos and briefing.



Keep hold of your sticker given to you at registration

This will assist us in making sure you're in the correct seating order.



You are responsible for your academic regalia

Students will need to sign for their academic regalia at the time of robing and again upon returning the items. Failure to return the academic regalia will result in a fee for the replacement of these items.



Keep an eye out

Keep an eye out for further emails and communications regarding your graduation.

Order of proceedings

4:30pm Graduand and guest registration opens at *The Hub*. Pre-ceremony celebration and finger food commences.

5:00pm Graduand and guest registration closed.

5:30pm Graduand briefing in the auditorium.

5:45pm Guests will be seated in the auditorium.

6:00pm Doors close and ceremony begins.

7:00pm (approx.) Ceremony ends. Opportunity to have photos with family and friends.

8:00pm Post-ceremony celebration ends and gowns returned.

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Regalia and gowning

All graduands will wear traditional academic regalia, including a black gown, mortarboard and sash worn over their clothing. Please consider your hairstyle when preparing for the ceremony, as it may affect how comfortably your mortarboard fits. To ensure the correct fit, measure the circumference of your head using a tape measure, starting and ending at the centre of your forehead. Please find gown and cap sizing [here](#).

Your gown and sash must be returned before leaving the venue at the end of the night.

As a keepsake from your graduation, the mortarboard is yours to keep.

Wearing cultural flag colours

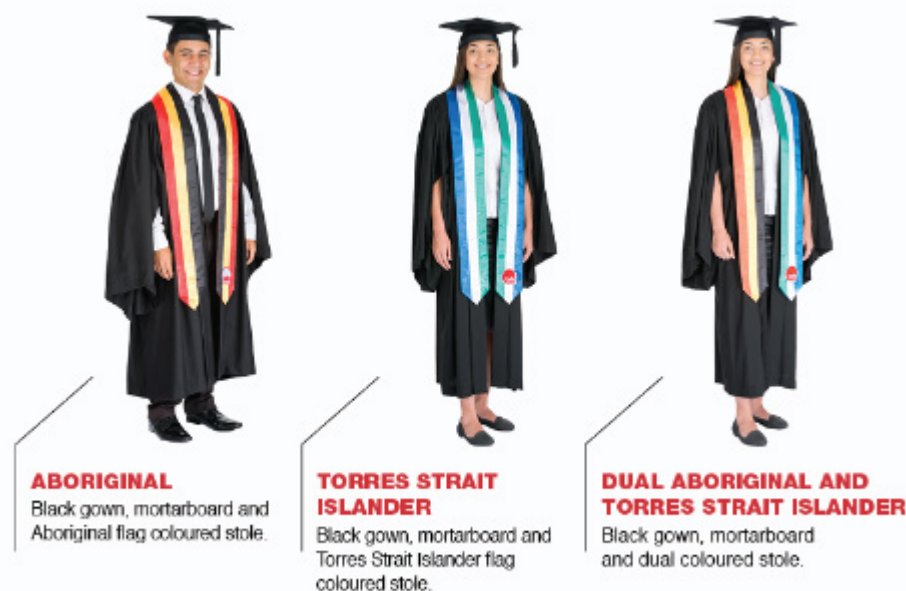
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students graduating have the option to wear their flag colours on the stole.

During the registration process select your cultural background, and our team will take care of the rest.

Wearing cultural attire

We encourage graduands to celebrate their cultural heritage by wearing traditional attire.

Please be aware that you are required to wear the black academic gown and sash over your clothing.



Pride sash

The pride colours sash is also available. The option to select the sash is in the registration process.

Dress code

All graduands and guests are asked to wear semi-formal attire.

Please note: jeans, thongs (flip flops), sneakers and similar casual items are not considered appropriate attire.

Arrival time and registration

Please refer to the order of proceedings to see registration opening and closing times. This gives graduands ample time to check in, collect their gowns, and mingle with others. **Registration closes 30 minutes before the student briefing begins.**

Guests

Friends and family will be seated separately from graduands. Graduands are seated in the order they will be called to the stage. Guests will be seated after the graduate briefing has finished. To help the ceremony run smoothly, please remain in your allocated seat throughout the ceremony.

Graduands

You will be allocated a seat number when you register at the desk on the day. Please do not swap seats with other graduands, as this is the order you will be called out of your seat to appear on stage. Please follow directions of ceremony staff at all times.

Photography

We encourage photos and videos during the ceremony but ask that guests be mindful of other guests. We also ask that all guests refrain from leaving their seats. Please feel free to tag your graduation photos on social media with #tafeqld26.

There will be plenty of areas in the venue before and after to capture photos of your graduation celebrations.

*REFUNDS

Refunded tickets

Refunds will be issued for the ticket price only and do not include Eventbrite fees, which comprise the payment processing fee and service fee.

Refund requests must be submitted through Eventbrite at least three (3) days prior to your registered graduation ceremony. Requests received within three days of the ceremony will be considered on a case-by-case basis in exceptional circumstances. If you require assistance, please contact graduation.eastcoast@tafeqld.edu.au.

Cancelled or postponed events

If an event is cancelled or postponed, refunds will be for the entire purchase—that includes the ticket price and the Eventbrite fees.

Duplicate charges

A maximum of two guest tickets may be purchased per graduand. Ticket sales are actively monitored, and any duplicate or excess bookings may be cancelled. Requests for additional guest tickets due to exceptional circumstances will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. All decisions will be made at the discretion of the Graduation Team to ensure fairness and equitable access for all graduands. For further assistance, please contact graduation.eastcoast@tafeqld.edu.au.