

Faculty of Business, Economics and Law
Semester 2, 2024 Orientation



Welcome to the Business, Economics and Law (BEL) Faculty!

We are excited for you to join us at BEL Orientation, and we hope the information and tips in this visual story are helpful.

Getting to campus



Paid carparking is available on campus, but most students and staff use public transport.

UQ has a CityCat terminal, and two major bus stops which connect to Toowong and Park Road train stations.

We recommend [planning your journey](#) in advance.

Additional transport information is available [here](#).

Finding your way



St Lucia is a big campus - plan to arrive at least 30 minutes early to give yourself time to find the UQ Centre (entry via Union Road)

We recommend downloading the UQ Maps app.

What to bring



Wear casual clothes and comfy shoes (you will be walking across campus during the scavenger hunt). Pack light, as you will need to carry your bag with you throughout the day. Bring a water bottle and hat with you: there are many water bubblers and bottle refill stations on campus.

If a fidget spinner, noise cancelling headphones or ear plugs are useful to you, bring these as well.

On arrival



Our friendly staff will welcome you at the UQ Centre and help you find your e-ticket (sent to you via email). There's no need to bring a physical copy of your ticket.

TIP: If you have not yet registered to attend BEL Orientation, [click here](#). After you've done that, you will be emailed your e-ticket.

Registration desk



Join the registration line to get your e-ticket scanned.

The foyer area will be crowded and noisy. You will receive a wristband to wear for the day. If needed, our staff will help you to loosely attach the wristband.

The wristband helps you meet other students from your program and gives you free access to all our BEL Orientation activities.

After you register



A staff member will escort you from the registration desk to meet your BEL Buddy inside the hall.

A BEL Buddy is an experienced student volunteer, easily recognised by their purple 'BEL Buddy' shirt.

Inside the hall



Inside the hall, we will be playing music.

Your BEL Buddy will form a group of 9 new students, and you will all sit together at one of the many colourful round tables.

Even though there will be 600 new students in the hall, you will hang out with your own BEL Buddy and group for the rest of the day's events.

Making new friends



You will play ice-breaker games to help you get to know other students in your group.

The games are a lot of fun, but it can get noisy!

If it becomes too loud, we have a chill out space (behind the registration desk in the foyer). If you can, please return to your seat in time for the presentation.

Getting ready for other activities



After a brief welcome presentation, you will find out more information about the day.

You will also learn the rules for the group scavenger hunt!

Scavenger Hunt



Your group will then leave the UQ Centre to complete a campus scavenger hunt with your BEL Buddy.

Your group will work together to complete tasks that take you to important places around campus (such as the BEL Student Centre).

BELfest



The scavenger hunt ends at BELfest, a free orientation festival for all new BEL students.

Here, you will submit your completed group scavenger hunt card to enter a draw to win some awesome prizes!

What to expect at BELfest



BELfest is lots of fun, though it will be crowded and noisy.

There will be quieter grassed areas adjacent to the event, which you may wish to access. You can exit and re-enter BELfest as many times as you'd like.

Inside BELfest



Inside BELfest, explore everything the festival has to offer with your group.

You can join student-run clubs, societies, networks and committees...

Chat to support services



...such as the Library, the BEL Careers and Employability team, and Student Services who can assist with many queries, including those about disability and mental health support.

Get involved in free activities



...such as the pot painting and planting workshop, the Library's badge-making workshop, and so much more!

Meet Australian wildlife



...such as koalas, wombats, echidnas and reptiles (and more!)

All animals are handled by trained wildlife professionals and kept behind a low fence. Many animals will be available to pet or hold. You can take photos!

Enjoy free food stalls



...such as pizza, donuts, fruit and iced tea.

We cater for gluten free, vegetarian and vegan dietary requirements.

Walk to your next session



After having fun at BELfest, you will attend an information session about your degree. Your BEL Buddy will escort you and your group over to the session room.

You can find details about the time and location of your session in your registration confirmation email.

Add your group on socials



Don't forget to add your group on socials on the way, so you can stay in touch – this also makes it easy to meet up in Week 1 for classes.

You will farewell your BEL Buddy upon arrival to your session room.

Your program information session



This session will talk you through everything you need to know about your program (degree). You will receive information from your teachers and administrative support staff, to ensure you are ready for study.

You can ask any questions you may have about your program during this session.

Receive your free student planner



At the end of the session, we will ask you to complete a survey about your Orientation experience. We will then give you a free student planner to help you get organised for study.

Your Orientation finishes here! We hope you enjoy the day.



We hope you found the BEL Orientation visual story helpful.

We welcome any comments, queries or suggestions you have about this story. Please email education@bel.uq.edu.au.

We can't wait to welcome you to UQ and the BEL Faculty!