

Faculty of Business, Economics and Law  
**Semester 1, 2026 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 (water ferry) terminal on the river, and two major bus stops which connect you to Toowong or Park Road train stations.

We recommend using the Translink Journey Planner to [plan your journey](#) in advance.

Additional maps, parking and transport information is available [here](#).



## Finding your way



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

To find everything on campus, we recommend you download 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 throughout the day. Please bring a hat and water bottle: there are many water bubblers and bottle refill stations around the campus.

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



## On arrival



Our friendly staff will welcome you at the UQ Centre and help you find your EventBrite 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, please [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 coloured wristband to wear for the day. Our friendly staff will help you to attach the wristband, if needed.

The wristband will help you meet other students from your program of study, and give you free access to all the 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 and easily recognised by their purple 'BEL Buddy' shirt.



## Inside the hall



Inside the hall, we will be playing music on arrival.

You will sit at one of the many colourful round tables with your BEL Buddy and another 8 or 9 new students from the same program as you.

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



## Making new friends



You will play ice-breaker games at your table to help you get to know the 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 short welcome presentation.)

## Receive your free student planner



At BEL Orientation, you will receive a free student planner.

The planner will help you get organised for study this semester.



## Getting ready for other activities



During our 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.

This will take you to important places around campus to ensure that your first week at university will be easier to navigate.



## 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 awesome prizes!

## What to expect at BELfest



BELfest is lots of fun, though it can get crowded and noisy.



If needed, there is a Quiet Zone for you to relax.

You can exit and re-enter BELfest as many times as you like.



## 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 our craft activities 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 for you to pet or hold. You can also take photos!



## Enjoy free food stalls



...such as pizza, popcorn, donuts and fruit.

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

## Walk to your next session



Besides having fun at BELfest, your group will also attend an information session about your program of study.

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



## Add your group on socials



Don't forget to add your group on socials so you can stay in touch with your new friends – this also makes it easy to meet up in Week 1 and attend classes together.

## Your program information session



This session will talk you through everything you need to know about starting your program of study, including information from teachers and administrative support staff.

This is an ideal opportunity to ask any questions you have about preparing for the start of classes and ensuring you have got the most out of your orientation week.



## We welcome your feedback!



At the end of your program information session, you will be invited to complete a short survey about your orientation experience. Your feedback is so valuable in helping us check that you're feeling confident and prepared for starting the semester.

By submitting your survey response, you could win one of our exclusive Varsity Jackets! Winners will be drawn at random and contacted by email.

**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](mailto:education@bel.uq.edu.au)**

**We can't wait to welcome you to UQ and the Business, Economics and Law Faculty!**