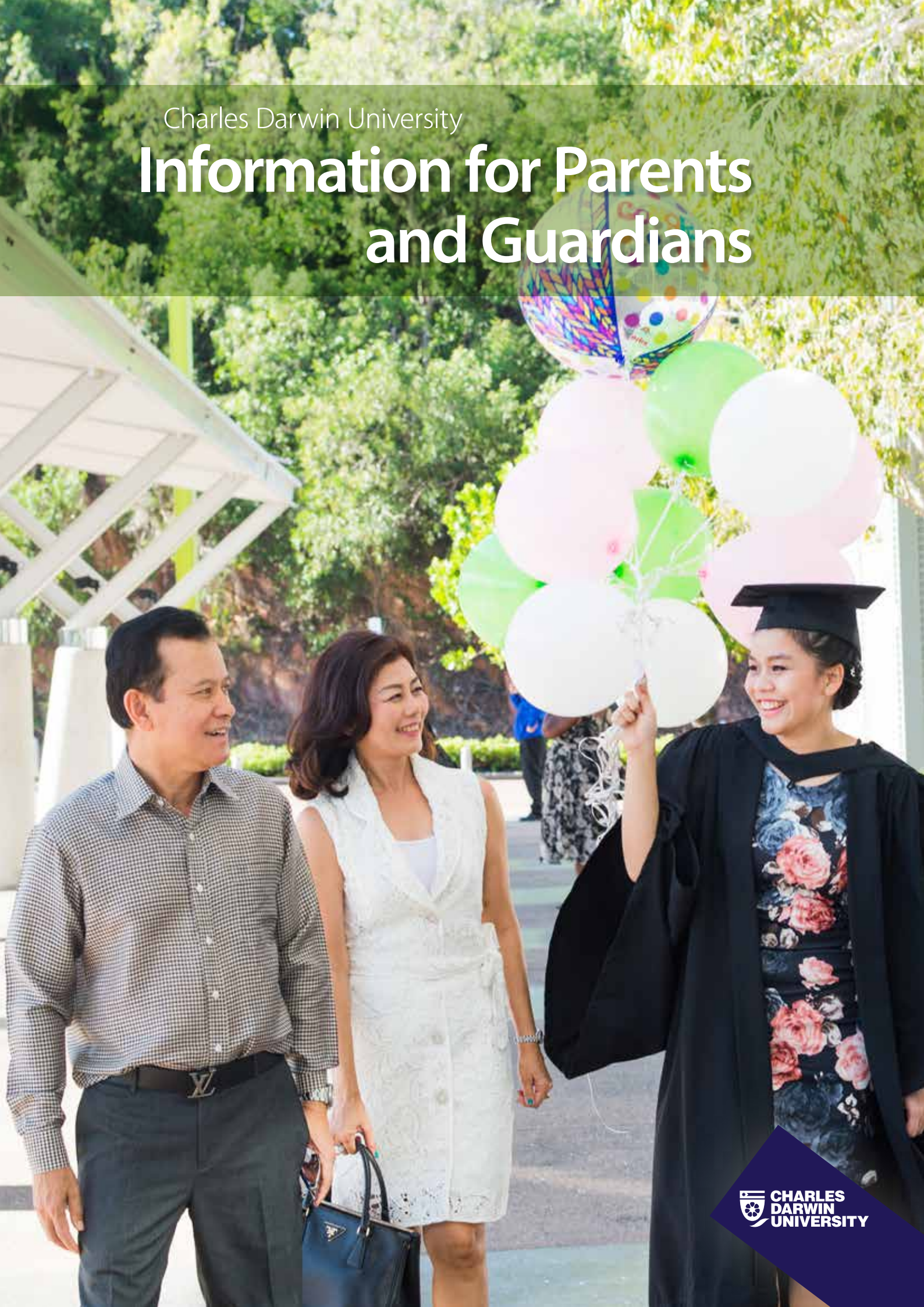


Charles Darwin University

Information for Parents and Guardians





Why study at Charles Darwin University?

Charles Darwin University is a new world university; committed to bringing people together to use knowledge to shape the future. Studying towards a new world means knowing that what your child finishes with matters – to you, your child and others.

Our courses will prepare your child for the real world of work, so they'll graduate confident and job-ready. At CDU, they'll learn from lecturers and tutors who are experts in the field. They'll learn in industry-standard facilities and, depending on their course, they'll have the chance to complete practical placements, internships and work on real projects in their dream industry.



Source: 1. Times Higher Education Rankings 2018. 2. The Good Universities Guide 2018. 3. Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching 2018, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2018.

What to study?

This next stage of your child's life will be their most exciting chapter yet. But sometimes deciding exactly what they want to study can be a little daunting. Students who enjoy their subjects tend to do well at university. Get your child to think about what they like to do. Take time to browse the CDU website with them. With so many courses to choose from, there's bound to be something to ignite their passion.

- accounting
- business
- community services and social work
- creative arts and design
- culinary arts and food processing
- education
- engineering
- environmental science
- exercise and sports science
- hair and beauty services
- health
- humanitarian, emergency and disaster management
- humanities and social sciences
- Indigenous knowledges
- IT and network engineering
- languages
- law
- nursing and midwifery
- primary industries
- psychology
- science
- tourism and hospitality
- trades.



How they're selected into CDU courses

There are a number of admission pathways to undergraduate courses. Year 12 qualifications are the most common method for admission to undergraduate courses for school leavers. Many school leavers receive an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) when they complete year 12. This is a rank that allows the comparison of students who have completed different combinations of high school subjects. The selection rank is based on their ATAR aggregate plus any adjustments they may be eligible for.

At CDU, we want to see your child succeed. That's why school leavers in the Northern Territory may receive ATAR adjustment factors. ATAR adjustment factors are additional points added to eligible students' aggregate to calculate a selection rank for entry into our courses.



There are two schemes which provide adjustment factors to applicants: the Universities Equity Scheme and the Universities Language, Literacy and Mathematics Scheme. The South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre (SATAC) administers these schemes on behalf of its participating institutions.

For more information and eligibility requirements visit SATAC's website.

W: satac.edu.au



What are the pathways into university?

We understand that the pathway into uni isn't always straightforward, and we're here to help navigate your child's road to study. If they don't get the ATAR they need for their chosen course, we can still help them achieve their goal.

CDU offers flexible entry pathways into our undergraduate degrees, including:

An Australian Tertiary Entrance Rank (ATAR) of 60 or higher.

A VET or TAFE award of certificate IV or higher.

A Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) score of 135.

Successful completion of at least one semester of full-time study of a uni degree or diploma.

Successful completion of a CDU enabling program or other recognised tertiary preparation course.

Experience based entry.

Note: Some courses may have higher admission entry requirements. Australian Tertiary Entrance Rank (ATAR) of 60 or higher is inclusive of adjustment factors. You must be 18 years of age or over to sit the STAT.

Vocational Education and Training (VET)

Studying with CDU VET will give your child the opportunity to develop industry-standard skills in their chosen area of study. If they complete a national qualification at certificate IV or above, they'll meet the minimum entry requirements to most courses at CDU – so they can continue their studies to an undergraduate level.

If your child successfully completes VET qualifications at the certificate IV level or above and subsequently enrolls in a bachelor degree in the same field or discipline, they receive advanced standing, also known as credit, towards their undergraduate course.

Enabling courses

CDU's free enabling programs are alternative pathways into uni. Sometimes called a 'preparatory' or 'bridging' course, our free courses prepare students to get into the swing of studying. These courses develop the skills, knowledge and confidence your child needs to succeed at university. To be eligible for free enabling programs, your child will need to be 18 years old by the relevant census date.

CDU's enabling programs can be completed online or on campus, full time or part time. In as little as 16 weeks they'll meet the requirements to apply for entry to most CDU undergraduate degrees.



Support services

Making the transition from high school to university can be overwhelming. That's why we have a dedicated team to support your child. Student Central will be your child's first port of call. The team can answer almost any question or point you in the right direction.

In addition, we offer a range of free support services to all CDU students including:

- counselling
- disability services
- Indigenous student services
- careers and employment services
- academic support programs, workshops, tutorials, and one-on-one consultations.



Scholarships

Each year CDU offers about \$1 million worth of scholarships. CDU awards scholarships on the basis of passion and initiative in the chosen area of study and on criteria such as leadership, commitment to the region you live in, sports involvement or financial need.

Scholarships also vary in what they provide. Some are one-off payments to help with study costs, others provide up to \$5,000 a year for five years, while a few offer paid work placements to provide additional income and work experience. Most scholarships range between \$2,000 and \$10,000 and are paid directly into your child's bank account, allowing them to decide how the funds are used.

Your child doesn't have to be top of their class for their application to be successful. We encourage your child to apply for as many scholarships as possible.



How does my child apply?

1
Everything
you need

Explore course information

If you haven't already, visit the CDU website to get information on your child's chosen course, such as course codes and study options.

W: cdu.edu.au

2
Create
your SATAC
profile

Register with SATAC

Most higher education applications for CDU go through the South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre (SATAC), so the next step to get your child's application underway is to visit the SATAC website, click on either 'Undergraduate' or 'Postgraduate', and then click on 'Apply' to register.

Once your child's registration is complete, SATAC will send them an email with a link to access their online application.

W: satac.edu.au

3
Complete
your
application

Complete application

Your child should follow the link in the email from SATAC to complete their application. Here they can list up to six course preferences. They can change the order of their preferences or add new courses by a certain date.

SATAC can access most of their study records, but if not they might request further information. To be considered in the main offer round there are key dates they should be aware of. These are available on the SATAC website.

4
Accept an
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Accept and enrol

If your child's application is successful, they'll receive an offer via email from CDU. This will include instructions on how to enrol in their units.

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