

# Step Up Into Teaching (SUIT)



## Campus

Ballarat

## Program dates

Subject 1: 11–15

December 2023

Subject 2: 15 - 19 January

2024 (+ online components)

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## Enrolment enquiries

Enrolment enquiries will be discussed at the **Information Evening** that will take place on **Wednesday 19th July**. This will be an online meeting for interested students and their parents starting at 6pm. Meeting login code details will be forthcoming.

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## WHAT IS STEP UP INTO TEACHING?

SUIT is an Australian Catholic University (ACU) early entry program run in collaboration with Catholic Schools Dioceses around Australia. It provides high school students considering a career in teaching the opportunity to experience learning in a university environment.

In the 2023–2024 SUIT program, high school students participating in SUIT will have the opportunity to study two university level units while completing their school studies. Sponsored places are available for students from an ACU Equity Pathways partnership school.



## THE BENEFITS OF TAKING PART IN SUIT:

- Studying university subjects through the SUIT program is HECS free.
- Once enrolled in a teaching degree at ACU, you will receive credit (recognition of prior learning) for one or two specified units in our early childhood, primary and secondary teaching courses.
- You'll be making an early move towards building a career through a vocational pathway, putting you ahead right from the start.
- You'll get to experience studying at a university, taking you out of your usual school environment.
- Getting a taste of uni life now, will help make the transition to university after high school much easier.
- Gaining an understanding of the many student services available to you as you enter university life will help keep you focused and achieving to your potential.

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## PROGRAM DELIVERY

The SUIT program is delivered by ACU academics on our beautiful Ballarat campus to give you that real feel of university. Our Academic Skills team and our library support staff will also be on hand for additional support if you need it.

- Classes are held during school holidays.
- The program will be held in December 2023 and January 2024.
- Each subject requires 5 days on-campus attendance plus online activities surrounding those dates.
- On campus attendance each day is mandatory.

## WHAT WILL YOU STUDY IN SUIT?

### Digital Cultures and Capabilities EDEZ104 (December 2023)

The internet, social media, blogs and podcasts have facilitated the emergence of digital cultures. This unit is designed to enable students to gain an understanding of the influence of digital technologies on contemporary life, culture, communities and professional and interpersonal communication.

### Understanding Learning and Teaching EDEZ100 (January 2024)

This unit encourages students to think critically about their own conceptions of learning and teaching. Emphasis is placed on understanding the multiple ways of knowing as well as the multiple ways in which all learners can represent and organise knowledge

## THESE UNITS CAN LEAD TO:

### Primary Teaching

- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)
- Bachelor of Education (Primary)
- Bachelor of Education (Primary and Special Education)
- Bachelor of Education (Primary and Secondary)

### Secondary Teaching

- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary and Special Education)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/ Bachelor of Arts (Humanities)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/ Bachelor of Arts (Mathematics)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/ Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/ Bachelor of Exercise Science



*Some of these offerings are located in Melbourne - your offer will allow you to attend the Melbourne campus. Check the website for more details.*

## WHERE TO FIND OUT MORE DETAILS ONLINE

The following link will take you to the ACU website location where you will be able to read about our Teacher programs in more depth and find out which ones are available at Ballarat and which are offered in Melbourne.

Use the filters to check out what is on offer:

<https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/find-a-course/teaching>



## RESEARCH INFORMING SUIT

The SUIT program has been developed and refined based on scholarly research on successful school/university partnerships and aspirations, access and achievement in higher education. Some of the scholarly research informing SUIT includes:

Building student confidence, self-efficacy or self-agency so they believe they can access higher education (Gale et al. 2010; Thomas, 2014) and have the determination to finish their degree (Karimshah, Wyder, Henman, Dwight, Capelin & Short, 2013)

Increasing awareness and understanding of educational pathways (Armstrong & Cairnduff, 2012) through a variety of digital media, brochures, school visits and on-campus workshops to familiarise students with university life (Gale et al., 2010; Tranter, 2012)

High-quality, diverse candidates should be encouraged to become teachers and supported to undertake an ITE course (Paul et al., 2021)

Involving parents as they are key influences on decision-making (Armstrong & Cairnduff, 2012; Skene, 2010) and can provide the most support and encouragement (Smith, 2011)