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BRISBANE & SYDNEY



Shafston Study Tour

University Research

2027

Shafston has developed specialised academic and cultural programs designed for students who wish to use overseas study tours or short-term international experiences as a way to strengthen their academic profile, broaden their global knowledge, and prepare for future career pathways. These programs not only provide students with valuable exposure to world-class education in Australia, but also offer opportunities to engage in hands-on learning, experience real university environments, and build achievements that will enhance their future school and university applications. By combining academic enrichment with cultural immersion, Shafston ensures that every student gains confidence, international perspective, and the skills needed to succeed in an increasingly globalised world.



University Exploration Program

The University Exploration Program gives students an immersive introduction to Australia's leading higher education institutions through campus visits and one-day or half-day workshops. Students gain insight into a variety of academic disciplines and experience university life firsthand. During the workshops, students engage in hands-on learning, participate in interactive sessions, and explore real university environments that support planning for future study pathways. The program also offers the opportunity to earn a Certificate of Completion from selected courses, providing tangible achievements to strengthen school and university applications.

Standard Duration:

Within 1 week
(Multiple cities option available)

Age Range:

12+ years old

Available Term:

Aligned with selected university teaching terms

University Workshop:

Customised themes available

Shafston Course Content:

English and skills-related courses available

Firsthand University Experience

Students explore real campuses and gain exposure to world-class facilities, helping them visualise future study pathways.

Interactive & Customised Learning

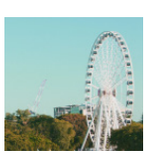
Hands-on workshops with tailored themes provide engaging, practical insights across a variety of academic fields.

Multi-City Flexibility

Participants may choose one or both cities to visit within a single program.

Sample Itinerary - 3 days & 7 days

Sydney	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Hotel		
8:30 AM - 12:45 PM	3-Hour Morning Class (Including 1.25 hours break)	3-Hour Morning Class (Including 1.25 hours break)	University of Sydney Master Class workshop + Graduation Ceremony
12:45 PM - 4:30 PM	University Visit: University of New South Wales	University Visit: UTS	
4:30 - 6:00 PM	Hotel		

Brisbane	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:30 - 8:30 AM		Homestay drop-off					
8:30 AM - 12:45 PM	Arrival Day Airport Pick-up + Welcome Orientation + Campus Tour + Ice breaking Activity + Refreshment	3-Hour Morning Class (Including 1.25 hours break)	3-Hour Morning Class (Including 1.25 hours break)	University of Queensland Master Class Workshop	University Visit: Griffith University	University Visit: Bond University	Departure Day Pre-departure activity & Airport Drop-off
12:45 - 3:15PM		2-Hour Afternoon Class (Including 30 minutes break)	Brisbane City Tour		University Visit: QUT	Gold Coast Harbour Town Shopping	
3:15 - 4:30PM		Speech Class					
4:30 - 6:00PM		Homestay pick-up					

Shafston Research Program



The Shafston Research Program is a unique academic journey that combines structured online preparation with immersive, hands-on research in Australia. It is carefully designed to develop students' critical thinking, strengthen teamwork and collaboration skills, and enrich their academic portfolio with meaningful international experience.

Standard Duration:

4 weeks (Online) + 11 Days (Australia)

Group Size:

Minimum 15 students (3 – 5 students in a group)

Available Term:

Aligned with selected university teaching terms

Shafston Course Content:

Based on Research Theme

Age Range:

12+ years old

Process:

STEP 1

GROUPING & SELECT RESEARCH TOPIC

STEP 2

4 WEEKS – ONLINE PRE-COURSE (1HR/WEEK)

STEP 3

11-DAY PROGRAM IN AUSTRALIA

STEP 4

PROGRAM OUTCOME & PRESENTATION

Sample Research Theme Topic

Renewable Energy & Future Cities:	Solar, wind, and smart grids in urban sustainability
Smart Transportation & Sustainable Mobility:	EVs, autonomous vehicles, and carbon reduction in city design
Agricultural & Food Tech Innovation	Vertical farming, AI in agriculture, and Australia's future farming models
Health Tech & Future Medicine:	Wearable devices, big data, and improving healthcare in an aging society
Marine & Environmental Protection:	Ocean monitoring, recycling technologies, and plastic waste reduction





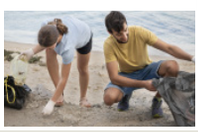
Sample Shafston Research Timetable
(Theme Marine & Environmental Protection)

4 weeks online workshop - Sample

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Friday	**Friday**	**Friday**	**Friday**
1 Hour Online Workshop Welcome session, group formation, topic allocation, introduction to research methods and teamwork	**1 Hour Online Workshop** Group presentations of initial ideas, feedback from mentors, and supplementary learning resources	**1 Hour Online Workshop** Q&A, guidance on data collection, research methods, and troubleshooting challenges	**1 Hour Online Workshop** Mid-term online presentation, defining research tasks and presentation goals for the Australia trip

11 days program in Australia - Sample

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Time	**Sunday**	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**
7:30 - 8:30 AM		Homestay drop-off			
8:30 AM - 12:45 PM	Arrival Day Airport Pick-up + Welcome Orientation + Campus Tour + Ice breaking Activity + Refreshment	3-Hour Morning Class - themed lecture (Including break)	3-Hour Morning Class - themed lecture (Including break)	3-Hour Morning Class - themed lecture (Including break)	University of Queensland Master Class Workshop: Marine & Environmental Protection Topic
12:45 - 4:30PM		Brisbane City Tour 	University Visit: QUT	Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre Visit	
4:30 - 6:00PM	Homestay pick-up				

	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11
Time	**Friday**	**Saturday**	**Sunday**	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Homestay drop-off					
8:30 AM - 12:45 PM	University of Queensland Master Class Workshop: Marine & Environmental Protection Topic	Brisbane Beach Cleaning Volunteer Project	Self-Study: In-depth group research and preparation for presentations	3-Hour Morning Class - themed lecture (Including break)	Final group research presentation at UQ & Graduation Ceremony & awarding of certification	Departure Day Pre-departure activity & Airport Drop-off
12:45 - 4:30PM				3-Hour Afternoon Class - Presentation Skills (Including break)		
4:30 - 6:00PM	Homestay pick-up					

Shafston Certificate

University Exploration Program Certificate



Shafston Research Program Certificate



Universities



AROUND BRISBANE & SYDNEY

Weekend extras for families · third-party examples

OPTIONAL · SIGN UP ON CAMPUS



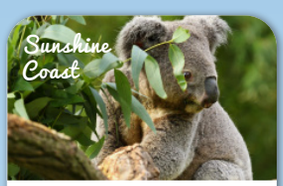
Story Bridge Adventure Climb

650 booked ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Tangalooma Island Resort Day Trip

1200 booked ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Australia Zoo Admission

863 booked ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Gold Coast Nature & Wildlife Tour

550 booked ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



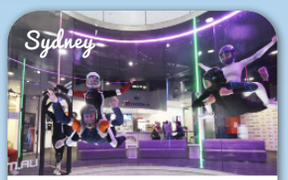
Riverlife Adventure Brisbane

340 booked ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Beach Landing Tandem Skydive

880 booked ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



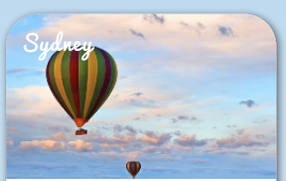
iFLY Downunder Indoor Skydiving

330 booked ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Sydney Harbour Oz Jet Boating Shark Attack Thrill Ride

650 booked ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Hot Air Balloon Sunrise Flight

890 booked ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Helicopter Flight over Harbour

536 booked ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



The Showboat Classic Dinner Cruise

498 booked ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Hunter Valley Boutique Tour

880 booked ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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