



Southbank
Institute of Technology
Education for aspiring minds

Parents Guide



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A guide for parents

This guide will provide you with essential information to steer your son or daughter on the right study and career path. A Southbank Institute of Technology qualification can make all the difference to your child's future and help create the path to their desired career.

Many parents want their son or daughter to make the right decision about their child's future career or occupation. At Southbank Institute we will provide your son or daughter with a unique learning experience underpinned by practical training in world-class facilities and simulated workplaces. With a qualification from Southbank Institute they can:

- gain the skills to get them job-ready
- go on to university
- study a higher qualification at Southbank Institute
- have a variety of career options.

Our availability of courses, location, reputation and quality of training will provide you with peace of mind that your child is receiving a quality education.

Your role as parent is important to help guide your child towards making sound choices about their future study options to heighten their chances of career success. Options need to

be carefully considered to match skill sets, drive, enthusiasm, goals and aspirations to study areas and entry requirements for admission into Southbank Institute. A number of resources are available for both parents and prospective students at Southbank Institute to help you to gather all the information you need to make an informed choice.

Talk to school guidance officers, Southbank Institute staff, teachers and those employed in their field of interest.

Visit Southbank Institute and speak to Student Administration and Services staff about course enquiries, enrolment, campus tours or career expo dates.

Browse through a number of resources including course booklets, QTAC Guide and utilise the Internet to research information on Southbank Institute's website about our course offerings, careers outcomes and testimonials from current and previous students.

Why should your son or daughter study with us? Because their talent, passion and dedication – combined with Southbank Institute's superb facilities, practical teaching and pathways to university – will give your son or daughter exactly what they need.



"If your child didn't get the right OP it's not the end of the world. By completing a diploma or advanced diploma at Southbank Institute, they can improve their OP score and heighten their chances of securing a place to university."

Why your child should study with us.

Here's why more than 28,000 students from over 90 countries chose to study with us in 2010.

1 We will help shape your career

- we provide quality education for a range of careers
- our courses give you the practical skills so you are job ready
- we offer 140 formal pathways to university
- 88.2% of graduates were employed after training*.

2 We are a leading training provider with highly skilled teachers

- our respected industry focused teachers strive to deliver the best teaching
- we work with industry to deliver up-to-date training packages endorsed by the Australian Quality Training Framework.

3 We offer a world-class learning environment

- we recently completed a major redevelopment of our Southbank campus to create a world-class facility designed to inspire interactive and student-focused teaching and learning
- our campus offers open and flexible learning spaces so students can work at their own pace and be their best
- study modes available including full-time, part-time, short courses, online, flexible delivery and on-the-job training.

4 We are centrally located

- our Southbank Campus is located in the heart of Brisbane's cultural precinct and right next to the city centre. It is easily accessible to buses, trains and the City Cat
- newly opened student accommodation is available next door to our main campus.

5 We provide an international perspective

- we currently have over 3,500 international students studying with us from over 90 countries

6 We will support your child

We offer a wide range of services to help when needed most, including:

- scholarships and bursaries
- career counselling
- AccessAbility services
- library
- literacy and Learning Centre
- Indigenous Australian student support
- student employment opportunities
- a 24 hour security team.

7 We offer a wide variety of courses of highly sought after disciplines

Choose from a range of courses in the following areas:

- Health Services
- Biotechnology
- Engineering
- Multimedia
- Hospitality and tourism
- Creative industries
- Business services.



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Where to from here?

Visit our website southbank.edu.au for information on courses available and study options or contact us on 13 72 48.

*Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), 2009 Summary of Graduate Outcomes.

A helping hand

There are many options available to provide your son or daughter with the opportunity to make an informed decision. At Southbank Institute we will inspire them to excel in areas such as Business, IT, Engineering, Design, Creative Arts, Applied Science, Biotechnology, Health, Fitness or Tourism and Hospitality.

Your son or daughter will experience and benefit from our hands-on training and work experience. In fact we are Queensland's leader in pathways to universities – offering 140 for them to choose from. We have a strong reputation for ensuring graduates have practical, high level skills and are job ready through our practical training and education.

Study is also tailored to accommodate busy lifestyles with a range of study modes available for many of our courses, including full-time and part-time, classroom, workshops, online, external and on-the-job training.

Student employment

Southbank Institute offers a free online employment service (CareerHub) designed to allow students to easily search for work that best suits their needs. CareerHub connects students with leading local, national and international employers. Employers appreciate the high standard of qualifications offered at Southbank Institute of Technology. Consequently, they come directly to us to advertise their vacant positions. Current students and recent graduates are also able to create their own user profile, amend, manipulate and personalise their resume in CareerHub and email it directly to potential employers. Students can register online for educational workshops and search for industry-specific information. They can also access many employment and study resources.

For more information on using this unique service:

Location	Student Services Centre, C Block (level 1)
Email	student.employment@southbank.edu.au
Visit	www.southbank.edu.au and click on the CareerHub quick link.

Counselling Service

Our counselling service is available to help your child achieve their study goals and enjoy their experience at Southbank Institute. This service is free and confidential.

We can:

- help your child decide what career path to follow
- assist them in selecting the right course or course
- provide mediation and support for educational issues
- help your child to effectively manage their studies and time
- provide financial hardship advice
- help with personal issues that are impacting on your child's studies
- provide information about QTAC and admission requirements and procedures
- give your child advice on cross-cultural issues
- provide assistance for special needs and suggest learning support options
- refer them to other services (for those seeking long term counselling and support)
- provide support both off campus and online
- provide support on complex issues such as sexual harassment and grievances.


We also specialise in counselling services for international students and students from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Want more information?

Visit: Student Services Centre, C Block (Level 1),
66 Ernest Street, Southbank Campus

Phone: 07 3244 5095 (Monday to Friday
8:30am – 5:00pm) to make an
appointment

Email: studentsupport.services@southbank.edu.au



"The teaching facilities we have such as the gym and advanced training area, the amount of practical experience students receive and the depth of knowledge we are able to cover is invaluable."

*Andrew Pilgrim,
previous fitness student*

Gym Staff

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Payment Options

Centrelink study allowances

Many Southbank Institute courses are approved for study by Centrelink. Your child may be eligible to receive a Centrelink allowance such as Austudy, Abstudy or Youth Allowance, provided they meet Centrelink's criteria.

Concessions

All government-funded courses make concessions available to eligible students. Your son or daughter must have a valid concession card at the time of enrolment. If they are claiming the under 17 concession they must provide evidence of this concession to the Student Service Centre within five days of their enrolment. If this is not provided, full payment for their course will be required.

For further information

Visit www.southbank.edu.au/howtoenrol
Phone Centrelink 13 24 90

Scholarship and Bursaries

At Southbank Institute we offer a selection of Institute-wide scholarships aimed to support both new and continuing students. All scholarships are offered once a year, at the beginning of each academic year. Specific eligibility and selection criteria apply. Should your son or daughter be successful they be notified by telephone from our scholarships officer and in writing prior to the commencement of the semester.

For further information

Visit www.southbank.edu.au/scholarships
Phone 13 72 48

FEE-HELP*

If your son or daughter is eligible they can defer all or part of their tuition fees (excludes incidental fees) through the Commonwealth Government's loan scheme, FEE-HELP. FEE-HELP is an interest free Commonwealth loan that is repaid once students meet an income threshold of \$43,150. FEE-HELP is only available to Australian citizens or holder's of permanent humanitarian visas studying Higher Education courses such as the Associate Degree in Civil Engineering. Deferred fees incur a loan fee and are indexed according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

For further information

Visit southbank.edu.au/feehelp

VET FEE-HELP

VET FEE-HELP can assist your son or daughter undertaking eligible Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses at Southbank Institute to pay for all or part of their tuition costs (excludes incidental fees). VET FEE-HELP is an Australian Government initiative and extension of FEE-HELP, as part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Students repay the loan to the Australian Government through the tax system once a student reaches the minimum income threshold level for repayment.

For further information

Visit southbank.edu.au/vetfeehelp



Did you know?

In addition to the above services, our counsellors also run practical workshops and seminars about:

- Career planning
- Study skills
- Time management
- QTAC processes and tertiary pathways.

* As at April 2010 FEE-HELP is only available for the Associate Degree in Civil Engineering.



Pathways to university

Southbank Institute of Technology is a recognised centre of excellence for its pathways to universities. We have partnered with major Queensland universities to give diploma, advanced diploma and associate degree graduates recognition for the quality of education and training they receive at Southbank Institute.

Many Southbank Institute diplomas and advanced diplomas articulate into degree courses with our partner universities. With more than 45 dual awards (combined diploma and degree courses), students have guaranteed entry into their degree course with no need to reapply through QTAC.

If you didn't get the right OP it's not the end of the world. By completing a diploma or advanced diploma at Southbank Institute, you can improve your OP score and heighten your chances of securing a place to university.

For more information about pathways visit southbank.edu.au or check out our Pathways to your Future brochure.

Need more information?

We have a range of brochures designed to help you to make the right decision and include:

- The Southbank Experience
- Support for Students
- Pathways to your Future
- Post-Degree Study

Our brochures are the perfect way to assist you with what Southbank Institute has to offer. Alternatively, if you would like to speak to us you can call 13 72 48.



Enrol in four easy steps

1. Select the course you want to study



2. Contact Student Administration

Phone 13 72 48 for the most recent up-to-the-minute information or go to our website southbank.edu.au



3. Apply to QTAC or Southbank Institute of Technology

Apply to QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre) or to Southbank Institute of Technology, depending on the course you choose (the courses listed in our careers booklets will let you know whether or not a QTAC application is required).



4. Secure your enrolment

Pay your fees before the course commences to secure your enrolment. Limited places are available in most courses.

*For further information about how to enrol:
Visit southbank.edu.au/howtoenrol or call 13 72 48.*



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