

UQ Economics Schools Day 2026

The University of Queensland (UQ) is inviting high school students to learn about the field of economics, engage in interactive workshops and activities, and explore the UQ St Lucia campus.

What to expect

At UQ Economics Schools Day, students will have the opportunity to:

- discover what economics is about
- learn some economics concepts with immersive and interactive games
- directly interact and ask UQ economics lecturers questions
- hear from and ask current UQ economics students questions
- explore future career opportunities in economics
- experience university life on campus.

Who should attend

This event is designed for high schools students who are:

- in grade 10–12
- thinking about what they might study at university
- interested in learning what a career in economics could look like.

Event details

Date: Wednesday 15 July 2026

Time: 9:30am–2pm

Location: ModWest Building (11A), Room 120/121,
UQ St Lucia Campus



“Economics is more than graphics and mathematical equations - it’s a social science. It involves studying what motivates people, the decisions people make in certain circumstances, and the cost of making these decisions. At the end of the day, economics is all about humanity.”

Michaela Gyasi-Agyei
Bachelor of Economics / Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Why UQ?



#1 in Queensland for graduate employability

Times Higher Education Global Employability University Ranking (2025)



#1 in Queensland in business and economics

Times Higher Education World University Subject Rankings (2026)



#1 in Queensland in economics and econometrics

QS World University Rankings (2025)



UQ has more national teaching awards than any other Australian university

Program

9:30–10:15am	<p>Session 1 Climate Change</p> <p>Discover how economists use theory to formulate policies to reduce the impacts of climate change and to understand the social costs involved.</p> <p>Professor Ian MacKenzie</p>
10:15–11:15am	<p>Session 2 The Good(s) Scavenger Hunt</p> <p>Embark on this exciting scavenger hunt and explore the UQ St Lucia campus, all while using economic thinking to track down real-life examples of public, private, collective, and common goods.</p> <p>Associate Professor Carl Sherwood</p>
11:15am–12:15pm	<p>Lunch at the UQ Lake Amphitheatre</p>
12:15–1pm	<p>Session 3 Prisoner’s Dilemma Game: Split or Steal?</p> <p>This lively workshop will involve a series of quick strategy rounds to bring the Prisoner’s Dilemma theory to life, showing how cooperation, competition, and decision-making play out in real-world economics.</p> <p>Dr Terence Yeo</p>
1–1:45pm	<p>Session 4 UQ Economics Student Panel Discussion</p> <p>Students will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of current UQ Economics students, who will share their insights on why they chose to study economics, the opportunities this has provided them so far, their aspirations for future career pathways, and their experiences of university life at UQ.</p> <p>Dr Todd Morris</p>

Costs for QETA members

\$20 per group of up to 30 students.

\$40 per group of up to 60 students.

How to register or find out more

QETA members to register here at qeta.com.au/events/university-student-days

A single school representative is to register your school’s interest by **15 June 2026**. Students are to register with their school representative or teacher-in-charge.

Catered lunch will be provided to students. Dietary requirements must be emailed to QETA in a spreadsheet by Wednesday 1 July to info@qeta.com.au

Non-QETA members, please contact bel.events@uq.edu.au to enquire and register individuals.

For more information

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