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QUT is a large university, it is easy to feel isolated. One of the main reasons people drop out in their first year is because they don’t feel connected and they find studying at University a lonely experience.

BUT

*Remember: lots* of other people would like to make friends too

So, put yourself in situations where socializing is likely to occur.
Go to O-Week

Orientation week (O-Week)
- Faculty welcome
- QUT workshops & tours
- Social events

Friendships made at Orientation can last a lifetime.

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Making friends
- Go to O-Week
- Be active in tutorials
- Form a study group
- Get involved in clubs on campus

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Be active in tutorials

- Tutorials are a great way to make friends.
- Get to the tutorial early and get to know your peers.
- Ask questions.
- Respond to student suggestions or comments.
- Exchange mobile phone numbers, email address or social networking details.

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Be proactive: Form your own study group.

Arrange to meet up regularly throughout the semester.
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Visit the Student Guild to find out about QUT clubs and societies.
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Get a map of your QUT campus

Take a library tour
Get to know your way around

Work out the best transportation to and from campus.

Learn about the shuttle bus

QUT WiFi on board!
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Explore QUT websites

Don’t just read the front page...
Get to know your way around

... There are lots of good surprises to find...

Equity Free Computer Scheme

To apply for computers available in 2010, you will need to submit a [2010 Equity Scholarships Scheme and Q-Step Program Application Form](#). Applicants for the Equity Scholarships Scheme are advised to submit their forms as soon as possible to maximise their chances of success, as the closing date has now passed. Late applications will be considered wherever possible.

Other Scholarships

Students are also encouraged to apply for the various other scholarships made available through QUT including the Law Founder’s Scholarship, Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship, Dean’s Scholars programs and the Faculty-based scholarships.

To do this, you will need to lodge different application forms. Please refer to the Scholarships website [www.scholarships.qut.edu.au](http://www.scholarships.qut.edu.au) for further information and application closing dates and forms.

Contact

Equity Scholarships Team
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...within QUT websites.
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Get Organised

Plan your study using both a semester and weekly planner

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Go to ‘Study Management’ on Studywell for more help on organising your time.
Study tips

Break down tasks into small chunks

Finish one task at a time

Make the most of time in-between other activities

Study while waiting for the bus
Study between lectures
Study after the kids are in bed

To get assignments completed.
Find out your optimum time and place to study

Morning or evening?

Around other people or alone?

Desk or sofa?

Music or silence?

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Be proactive

Ask a friend to teach you how to use a computer for basic needs such as email, word processing and internet browsing.

Take free online courses on software needed in your course.
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Practise using computers in the library.

Go to the library

Attend library workshops to find out how to use a computer to find and evaluate readings for your assignments.
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Exercise every day

Socialize with new friends

Eat foods that enhance memory and thinking, e.g.
- leafy vegetables,
- walnuts
- salmon
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Keep in touch with family

Take time for yourself

Reward yourself for work well done
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- Ask for help
- Go to the library
- Go to the Student Guild
- Go to your tutor or lecturer’s office hours
- Go to student services

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