

AVONDALE UNIVERSITY
2026 Higher Education Sector Academic Calendar DRAFT
Lake Macquarie (LM) & Sydney (SYD) Campuses



Campuses and Cohorts

LM – Lake Macquarie Campus | SYD – Sydney Campus | BN – Bachelor of Nursing course | Non-BN – All courses other than the Bachelor of Nursing course

Teaching Periods

S1 – Semester 1
UGY – Undergraduate Year-long

S2 – Semester 2
PGY – Postgraduate Year-long

SEM-W – mid-year
INT-1, INT-2, INT-3 – intensives
YR-M – Year-long commencing mid-year

Bachelor of Nursing (BN) Levels & Teaching Periods

Level 1 – First semester, year 1 in BN course (S1)
Level 4 – Second semester, year 2 in BN course (N4)

Level 2 – Second semester, year 1 in BN course (N2)
Level 5 – First semester, year 3 in BN course (N5)

Level 3 – First semester, year 2 in BN course (N3)
Level 6 – Second semester, year 3 in BN course (N6)

Week in Teaching Session	Week Commencing (Monday)	Dates of Important Academic Events	Event
	13 October 2025	13 October	Online enrolment opens for 2025 units for current students
	15 December	19 December	Last day (INT-3)
	22 December	23 December 24 Dec – 2 Jan	Last day of operation for the year (tbc) Avondale closure – Christmas break (no staff or facilities available at this time) (tbc)
	29 December	24 Dec – 2 Jan	Avondale closure – Christmas break (no staff or facilities available at this time) (tbc)
	5 January 2026	5 January 5 January 5 January 5 January 8 January (5pm)	Student Administration Services opens after Christmas break (tbc) INT-1 commences On-shore International applications close for N3 in 2026 (2 nd year in BN) Off-shore International applications close for S1, UGY, PGY in 2026 DEADLINE to enrol in INT-1 units (with permission)
	12 January		
	19 January	19 January (5pm)	CENSUS DATE for INT-1: Deadline for students who cancel unit/course enrolment to receive a refund of tuition fees
	26 January	27 January	AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY
	2 February	2 February (5pm) 2 February 2 February	DEADLINE to withdraw from INT-1 units without a Fail Withdraw (FW) grade On-shore International applications close for S1, UGY, PGY in 2026 INT-3 grades published
	9 February	9 February 13 February	Domestic applications close for N3 in 2026 (2 nd year in BN) Last day INT-1
SEMESTER 1 Bachelor of Nursing (BN) Levels 3 & 5 commences (LM & SYD)			
	16 February	17 February 20 February 22 February 22 February	SYD levels 3 & 5 teaching commences (LM & SYD) DEADLINE to enrol in LM & SYD level 3 & 5 units (with permission) LM campus residences open for students to move in Orientation commences for new LM students
SEMESTER 1 LAKE MACQUARIE CAMPUS & BN Level 1 (LM & SYD) commences			
1	23 February	23 February 24 February	Orientation activities for new students LM & SYD level 1 Units & classes commence LM (S1, UGY, PGY) and SYD level 1
2	2 March	2 March (5pm) 2 March 3 March	DEADLINE to enrol in S1 units DEADLINE for new students with S1 units to commence INT-1 grades published
3	9 March	10 March (5pm) 10 March	DEADLINE to enrol in UGY and PGY units DEADLINE for new students with only year-long units to commence
4	16 March	17 March 16-21 March	DEADLINE to withdraw from Year-Long (YR-M) units without a Fail Withdraw (FW) grade Festival of Faith (to be confirmed)
5	23 March		
6	30 March	1 April (5pm) 3 April	CENSUS DATE for S1, N3, N5 units: Deadline for students who cancel unit/course enrolment to receive a refund of tuition fees GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY
7	6 April	6 April 10 April	EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY Last day of classes before mid-semester break
	13 April	13-17 April	MID-SEMESTER BREAK
8	20 April	20 April 25 April	LM & SYD level 1 classes resume ANZAC day holiday (Saturday)
9	27 April	30 April (5pm)	DEADLINE to withdraw from S1, N3, N5 units without a Fail Withdraw (FW) grade
10	4 May	5 May	DEADLINE for students to register with Equity Office to be eligible for exam provisions
11	11 May	11 May	Online enrolment opens for Sem 2 2026 (S2, N2, N4, N6)
12	18 May	22 May	BN level 3 last day of classes (N3)
13	25 May	25 May (5pm) 27-31 May 25-29 May 29 May 29 May	CENSUS DATE for UGY, PGY: Deadline for students who cancel unit/course enrolment to receive a refund of tuition fees National Reconciliation Week Exams BN level 3 (N3) Last day semester 1 (N3) Last day of classes semester 1 LM (S1), and BN (level 1 and level 5)
14	1 June	1 June 1-6 June 2-10 June 5 June	Units & classes commence (INT-2, SEM-W) Exams BN level 5 (N5) Exams LM, and SYD level 1 Last day semester 1 (N5)
15	8 June	8 June 9 June (5pm) 2-10 June 10 June	KING'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY DEADLINE to enrol in INT-2 & SEM-W units (with permission) Exams LM, and SYD level 1 Last day semester 1 (S1, YR-M)

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	15 June	15 June 18 June 18 June (5pm)	Off-shore International applications close for semester 2, 2026 SSAF CENSUS DATE S1 and Year-long units: Last day to pay Student Services & Amenities Fee CENSUS DATE for INT-2, SEM-W. Deadline for students who cancel unit/course enrolment to receive a refund of tuition fees
	22 June		
	29 June	3 July (5pm)	DEADLINE to withdraw from SEM-W units without a Fail Withdraw (FW) grade
POSTGRADUATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL (dates to tbc)			
	6 July	6 July 7 July 6-10 July 10 July	Residential school for postgraduate year-long teaching period commence (tbc) Grades published on Student Connect NAIDOC Week Last day (INT-2)
	13 July	13 July 17 July 17 July	On-shore International applications close for semester 2, 2026 Residential school for postgraduate year-long teaching period ends Last day (SEM-W)
SEMESTER 2 BN Level 6 (LM & SYD) COMMENCES			
	20 July	20 July 24 July (12 noon)	BN level 6 teaching commences Deadline to enrol in BN 6 units (with permission)
	27 July	2 August	LM campus residences open for students to move in
SEMESTER 2 LAKE MACQUARIE COMMENCES (including BN Levels 2 & 4 students on both LM & SYD campuses)			
1	3 August	3 August 4 August 7 August (12noon)	Orientation activities for new LM & SYD levels 2 & 4 students (S2, N2, N4, YR-M) Units & classes commence LM all units (S2 & YR-M) & both LM & SYD BN levels 2 & 4 students (N2, N4) DEADLINE to enrol in BN levels 2 & 4 units (N2, N4) (with permission)
2	10 August	10 August (5pm) 10 August (5pm)	DEADLINE to enrol in S2 & YR-M units DEADLINE for new students with S2 & YR-M units to commence (with permission)
3	17 August	17 August 17 August (5pm) 22 August	BA/BTch 2 nd & 3 rd Year students return to class (to be confirmed) DEADLINE to withdraw from Year-Long units without a Fail Withdraw (FW) grade HOMECOMING
4	24 August	24 August 24 August	MTch 1 st year students to return to class (to be confirmed) INT-2 grades published
5	31 August	31 Aug – 5 Sept 31 August 1 Sept (5pm) 4 Sept (12pm)	Festival of Faith (to be confirmed) Final year Education students return to class (to be confirmed) CENSUS DATE for S2, N2, N4 & N6 DEADLINE for N4, N6 students to register with Equity Office to be eligible for exam provisions
6	7 September		
7	14 September		
8	21 September	26 September	Last day of classes before mid-semester break (except for all BN students across both campuses)
	28 September	28 September – 5 October 2 October	MID-SEMESTER BREAK (Except BN students – see School of Nursing Academic & Clinical Program Calendar) BN level 6 last day of classes (N6)
9	5 October	5 October 6 October 6 October (5pm) 6 October 6-9 October 9 October	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY LM classes resume CENSUS DATE for YR-M SSAF CENSUS DATE S2: Last day to pay Student Services & Amenities Fee BN level 6 exams (N6) Last day semester 2 (N6)
10	12 October	15 October (5pm) 15 October 16 October	DEADLINE to withdraw from S2, N2, N4, N6 units without a Fail Withdraw (FW) grade DEADLINE for students (S2, N2) to register with Equity Office to be eligible for exam provisions BN level 4 last day of classes (N4)
11	19 October	19 October 19-23 October 23 October	Online enrolment opens for Sem 1 2027 (S1, N3, N5, UGY, PGY) BN level 4 exams (N4) Last day semester 2 (N4)
12	26 October		
13	2 November	6 November	Last day of classes N2 + LM S2, UGY, PGY
14	9 November	9 November 10-13 November 10-17 November 12 Nov (5pm) 13 November	Units & classes commence (INT-3) Exams BN level 2 Exams LM (except BN) DEADLINE to enrol in INT-3 units (with permission) Last day semester 2 (N2)
15	16 November	11-17 November 17 November	Exams LM (except BN) Last day semester 2 (S2, UGY, PGY)
	23 November	23 Nov (5pm)	CENSUS DATE for INT-3: Deadline for students who cancel unit/course enrolment to receive a refund of tuition fees
	30 November		
	7 December	7 Dec (5pm) 11 December 12 December 13 December	DEADLINE to withdraw from INT-3 units without a Fail Withdraw (FW) grade Graduation Friday Graduation Sabbath Graduation Ceremony
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	4 January 2027	4 January	Student Administration Services opens after the Christmas break (tbc)
	11 January 2027		

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- For more information about 'Census Date' and its significance in relation to the liability for tuition fees, see the Glossary of Terms and Acronyms at <https://www.avondale.edu.au/students/academic/glossary/> and the Refund Policy at <https://www.avondale.edu.au/about/policies/display/?s=NTM3>

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