

# AVONDALE UNIVERSITY

## 2026 Higher Education Sector Academic Calendar

### 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	S2 – Semester 2	SEM-W – mid-year INT-1, INT-2, INT-3 - intensives	<b>Bachelor of Nursing (BN) Levels &amp; Teaching Periods</b>	N3 – Level 3 First semester, year 2 in BN course
UGY – Undergraduate Year-long	PGY – Postgraduate Year-long	YR-M – Year-long commencing mid-year	S1 – Level 1 First semester, year 1 in BN course N4 – Level 4 Second semester, year 2 in BN course	N5 – Level 5 First semester, year 3 in BN course N6 – Level 6 – Second semester, year 3 in BN course

Week in Teaching Session	Week Commencing (Monday)	Dates of Important Academic Events	Event
	20 October 2025	20 October 2025	Online enrolment opens for 2026 units for current students
	15 December	19 December 19 December	Last day (INT-3) Last day of operation for the year
	22 December	24 Dec – 2 Jan	Avondale holiday closure – (no staff or facilities available at this time)
	29 December	24 Dec – 2 Jan 1 January	Avondale holiday closure – (no staff or facilities available at this time) NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY
	5 January 2026	5 January 5 January 5 January 5 January 8 January (5pm)	Student Administration Services opens after Christmas break Commence INT-1 On-shore International applications close for N3 in 2026 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	26 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 Grades published INT-3
	9 February	9 February 13 February	Domestic applications close for N3 in 2026 Last day INT-1
SEMESTER 1 Bachelor of Nursing N3 & N5 commences			
	16 February	16 February 17 February 20 February 22 February 22 February	Orientation N3 Teaching commences N3 & N5 DEADLINE to enrol in N3 & N5 units (with permission) LM campus residences open for students to move in Orientation commences for new LM students
SEMESTER 1 LAKE MACQUARIE CAMPUS S1 commences			
1	23 February	23 February 24 February	Orientation activities for new students S1 Units & classes commence LM (S1, UGY, PGY) and SYD S1
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 Grades published INT-1
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
5	23 March		
6	30 March	1 April (5pm) 3 April	CENSUS DATE for S1, N3, N5: 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	Classes resume S1 ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
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, INT-2)
12	18 May	22 May	Last day of classes N3
13	25 May	25 May (5pm)  25-29 May 27-31 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 Exams N3 National Reconciliation Week Last day semester N3 Last day of classes semester 1 S1, & N5
14	1 June	1 June 1-5 June 2-10 June 5 June	Units & classes commence (INT-2, SEM-W) Exams N5 Exams S1 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 S1 Last day semester 1 (S1, YR-M)
	15 June	15 June	Off-shore International applications close for semester 2, 2026

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		18 June 18 June (5pm)	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	2 July (5pm)	DEADLINE to withdraw from INT-2 without a Fail Withdraw (FW) grade
POSTGRADUATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL			
	6 July	6 July 7 July 9 July (5pm) 10 July 6-10 July	Residential school for postgraduate year-long teaching period commence Grades published on Student Connect DEADLINE to withdraw from SEM-W units without a Fail Withdraw (FW) grade Last day (INT-2) NAIDOC Week
	13 July	13 July 17 July 17 July	On-shore International applications close for semester 2 Residential school for postgraduate year-long teaching period ends Last day (SEM-W)
SEMESTER 2 Bachelor of Nursing N6 Commences			
	20 July	20 July 24 July (12 noon)	Classes commence N6 Deadline to enrol in N6 units (with permission)
	27 July	2 August	LM campus residences open for students to move in
SEMESTER 2 LAKE MACQUARIE COMMENCES S2 (including N2 & N4)			
1	3 August	3 August 4 August 7 August (12noon)	Orientation activities for new students (S2, N2, N4, YR-M) Units & classes commence all units (S2, N2, N4 & YR-M) DEADLINE to enrol in 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	Students return to class BA/BTch 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year DEADLINE to withdraw from Year-Long units (UGY, PGY) without a Fail Withdraw (FW) grade HOMECOMING
4	24 August	24 August 24 August	Students to return to class MTch 1 <sup>st</sup> year INT-2 grades published
5	31 August	31 Aug – 5 Sept 31 August 1 Sept (5pm) 4 Sept (12pm)	Festival of Faith Final year Education students return to class 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	25 September	Last day of classes before mid-semester break (except for all BN students)
	28 September	28 September – 5 October 2 October	MID-SEMESTER BREAK (Except BN students – see School of Nursing Academic & Clinical Program Calendar) 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 Classes resume LM CENSUS DATE for YR-M SSAF CENSUS DATE S2: Last day to pay Student Services & Amenities Fee Exams N6 Last day semester 2 N6
10	12 October	14 October (5pm) 14 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 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, INT-3, INT-1, 2027) 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 N2 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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	21 December	22 December 22 Dec – 1 Jan	Student Administration Services closes for the Christmas break (tbc) AVONDALE holiday closure (no staff or facilities available at this time) (tbc)
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	11 January 2027		
	18 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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