

Prepare For Graduation





Step One

Eligibility

Am I eligible to graduate?

Graduands should log in to [Student Connect](#) and check whether they have access to the Graduation Invitation Page. If you can access the graduation invitation page, please proceed to the following steps:

1. If you are not listed as a potential graduand and you believe you should be, contact [Student Administration Services](#) urgently.
2. Complete each item, including:
 - confirming whether you will attend the graduation ceremony or graduate in absentia
 - providing the phonetic pronunciation of your name if necessary
 - identifying special requirements for guests (e.g. wheelchair access)
3. The invitation must be completed no later than **November 17, 2026**.

Important Note: You must indicate your attendance status by selecting either 'Attending' or 'In Absentia'. Failure to submit a response by the deadline may affect your graduation arrangements.

Step Two

Pay your graduation fees

Financial Clearance

If you have any outstanding fees still owing, you may not receive a graduation invitation until these fees are paid.

The last day for paying any debts if you wish to participate in the graduation ceremony is **November 17, 2026**.

Graduation fees*

All graduands attending the graduation ceremonies must pay the following graduation fees by **November 17, 2026**:

Items	Fee
PhDs/Master's/Graduate Diplomas/Bachelor's/Associate Degrees	\$200
Diplomas/Certificates	\$195
Nursing (Bachelor's Degrees)	\$240

**Grad Fee includes: Regalia Hire, Photography, Jacaranda Year Book, Lamp (Bachelor of Nursing only).*

Important: Students should ensure that all financial obligations, including graduating fees, are finalised by the due date to avoid any impact on their graduation arrangements.



Step Three

Accommodation and Meals

Residential Graduands

Graduands who reside on campus are able to stay in the residential halls from Thursday to Saturday night, departing after their graduation service on Sunday. Booking is essential, please contact the Accommodation team (accommodation@avondale.edu.au) to reserve your room/s.

Guests and Non-Residential Students

Avondale has limited on-campus accommodation for guests and non-residential students. For availability and bookings contact Avondale Accommodations at (02) 4980 2339, or accommodation@avondale.edu.au.

Meals – 7 at Avondale

Operating hours for 7 @ Avondale over Graduation weekend:

Friday	Dinner Service: 5:00pm - 6:30pm Pizza available during dinner Café – open until 7:00pm
Saturday	Lunch Service: 12:00noon - 2:00pm Dinner Service: 5:00pm - 6:30pm Pizza will be available during dinner Café – open until 7:00pm
Sunday	Brunch Service: 10:30am - 12:30pm Pizza will be available during brunch Café – open from 8:00am - 5:00pm

Buffet pricing will vary depending on the size and contents of plates and bowls selected. Please refer to 7 at Avondale website for pricing. Please note: Bookings will not be taken for Graduation weekend. Meals will be available on a walk-in basis only.

Step Four

Stay Connected Through Alumni

Graduation is not the end of your connection with Avondale. We encourage you to stay involved with the Avondale alumni community.

Visit the [Alumni Facebook page](#) to view Graduation 2026 photos and keep up to date with alumni news and events. Join the [2020s Avondale Alumni Facebook group](#) to stay connected with your classmates and fellow graduates.

We look forward to staying in touch with you after graduation and sharing opportunities, events, and news from the Avondale alumni community. Congratulations on reaching this important milestone.



Stay in touch





Academic Regalia

All graduands attending the graduation ceremony are required to wear the appropriate academic regalia.

Collecting Your Regalia

Academic regalia can be collected at the following times:

Lake Macquarie Campus

- 10-11 December: 9:00am - 4:30pm
- Graduation Day: 8:00am - 12:30pm

Sydney Nursing Students

Collect your regalia from Reception, Sydney Campus:

- 7-10 December (Monday-Thursday) 9:00am - 4:30pm

If you would prefer to collect your regalia from the Lake Macquarie campus, please notify:

Email: rachel.cardwell@avondale.edu.au

Regalia Sizing

When ordering or collecting your regalia, you will need to provide:

- Your height (cm)
- Your head circumference (cm), measured around your head where the graduation cap will sit

Contact Regalia Office

Phone: +61 2 4980 2148

Email: studentlife@avondale.edu.au

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Collection and Return

Campus	Lake Macquarie	Sydney (Nursing Graduands)
Collection Point	Regalia Office located in Lower College Hall	Reception, Sydney Campus
Collection Dates & Times	10th – 11th December, 9:00am – 4:30pm 13th December, 8:00am – 12:00pm	7th – 5th December, 8:00am – 12:00pm
Return Point	Regalia Office located in Lower College Hall	
Return Time	DIRECTLY AFTER YOUR CEREMONY	
Note: All graduands must have financial clearance and have paid their graduation fees to collect academic dress. Late return costs \$50 per day to a maximum of \$250.		

How to wear Academic Dress

Please ensure that you view the appropriate video for instructions on how to wear the academic regalia.

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Dress Code

Gender	Dress code	Notes
Male	Semi-formal	Collared shirt and tie with dark, long trousers and polished shoes
Female	Semi-formal	
<i>Note: If culturally appropriate, you may wear a sulu, ta'ovala, ie faitaga or tupenu with black enclosed sandals.</i>		

Course Colours

DISCIPLINE COLOURS

Doctor of Philosophy.....	Cherry Red gown, Gold hood, Black bonnet
Master of Philosophy.....	Gold lined with Red
Master of Business Administration	Ultramarine lined with Yellow
Master of Arts.....	Pearl lined
Master of Education	Jade lined
Master of Nursing.....	International Orange
Master of Teaching (Primary).....	Jade lined with Pastel Yellow
Master of Teaching (Secondary).....	Jade lined with Pastel Yellow
Master of Lifestyle Medicine	Honeybird lined with pearl
Master of Ministry.....	Spectrum Violet lined with Pearl
Graduate Diploma of Counselling	Navy Blue with Pearl
Graduate Diploma of Leadership and Management	Pearl and Magenta
Graduate Diploma in Lifestyle Medicine.....	Honeybird with Pearl
Graduate Diploma of Ministry and Theology.....	Steel Blue, Pearl, Spectrum Violet
Graduate Diploma in Nursing.....	International Orange with Pearl
Graduate Certificate in Counselling.....	Navy Blue with Pearl
Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies.....	Jade with Pearl
Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Management.....	Magenta with Pearl
Graduate Certificate in Lifestyle Medicine.....	Honeybird with Pearl
Graduate Certificate in Nursing.....	International Orange with Pearl
Undergraduate Certificate in University Preparation	Pearl
Bachelor of Arts.....	Pearl
Bachelor of Arts (Counselling).....	Pearl
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (Birth-12 years).....	Pearl and Jade
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (Primary).....	Pearl and Jade
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary).....	Pearl and Jade
Bachelor of Business	Ultramarine
Bachelor of Educational Studies	Jade
Bachelor of Nursing.....	Apricot
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching	Topaz and Jade
Bachelor of Ministry and Theology.....	Spectrum Violet, Steel Blue and Pearl
Bachelor of Theology.....	Steel Blue and Pearl
Associate Degree in Theological Studies.....	Spectrum Violet with Steel Blue
Diploma of Business.....	Ultramarine
Diploma of Outdoor Leadership	Sapphire Blue
Certificate IV in Outdoor Leadership.....	Sapphire Blue
Certificate III in Individual Support	Apricot



Graduation Guide

Where to be and when Session 1:

Nursing and Health, Ministry and Theology and relevant Higher Degree Research		
	Location	Time
Last Opportunity to pick up Regalia	College Hall	9:00am
Go to Church and find allocated seat and leave belongings	Church	9:00am
Regalia Adjustments	Church Portico	9:15am
Line up and Briefing	Church Portico	9:40am
Graduation Ceremony	Church	10:00am
Discipline Photos	College Hall	11:00am
Family Portraits	Church	11:30am
Return Regalia	College Hall	12:00pm

Where to be and when Session 2:

Arts/Humanities and Business, Education and Science, VET and relevant Higher Degree Research		
	Location	Time
Last Opportunity to pick up Regalia	College Hall	11:30am
Go to Church and find allocated seat and leave belongings	Church	11:30am
Regalia Adjustments	Church Portico	11:45am
Line up and Briefing	Church Portico	12:10pm
Graduation Ceremony	Church	12:30pm
Discipline Photos	College Hall	1:30pm
Family Portraits	Church	2:00pm
Return Regalia	College Hall	2:30pm

Tickets

Each graduand will be allocated **four tickets** to their discipline's ceremony. This allocation ensures that each graduand has an equal opportunity to have family and friends seated in the main venue. Tickets provide entry to the main venue but do not guarantee a specific seat. There is no reserved or assigned seating for guests attending the weekend events.

Additional guests are welcome to view the ceremony via livestream in our overflow locations; Ella Hughes Chapel and outside of College Hall.

Parking

Complementary parking is available across the campus and Attendees will be directed to available parking spaces upon arrival. Please allow time to park and walk to the venue and consult a [map](#) for directions. Accessible parking is available to graduands and their guests via the Graduation Invitation. Graduands: please indicate parking requirements for yourself or guests on this form.

Seating

Graduands:

1. Meet in the church portico area at least 30 minutes prior to the commencement of your session. You will be directed to find your seat and leave your belongings and then return to a designated area for lining up in the correct order and to have your regalia checked.
2. There will be marshals directing you where to go once you get to the church and to show you where you need to line up and sit.

Guests should be seated 15 minutes before the ceremony session is due to commence.

Graduands have the opportunity to request special seating for those with a disability or medical requirement when accepting their Graduation Invitation.

Photography

Taking photographs is permitted from your seat only. No tripods will be allowed in aisles, against walls, or blocking access and free movement within the venue.

Professional portrait photography is available for graduands and their guests at the conclusion of each ceremony.

\$79 – Formal portrait emailed

\$99 – Formal portrait plus family portrait emailed

\$109 – Formal portrait plus two family portraits emailed

Archival grade prints available on request, mailed anywhere in Australia or New Zealand.

Photos will be available after each Graduation session between 12 and 6:00pm on December 13, 2026.

Payments taken via credit card or cash on the day.



Processional

The graduation session begins with the Processional. Graduands should:

1. Ensure tassel hangs on right side of trencher
2. Proceed as directed by marshals up centre aisle in pairs keeping two metres space between pairs
3. Proceed as directed to allocated seat, remaining standing until directed to sit.

Presentation of Awards

Graduands will receive awards in order as published in graduation booklet, graduands should:

1. Stand in rows as directed by marshals and proceed to stairs at left of stage
2. Proceed as directed by marshal upstairs and across stage to the Avondale University President once name is read
3. Receive graduation folder from president for official photograph
4. Proceed further across stage to have tassel moved to left of trencher
5. Proceed to top of staircase on right of stage, pausing for another photograph
6. Proceed downstairs and return to allocated seat

Recessional

This concludes the graduation session with graduates exiting row by row down aisles.

Note: Exit the foyer immediately and clear the front of the church to avoid congestion.

Gifts

Graduation Bears

Attractive bears and other soft toy animals available for purchase.

Contact Lyn Medhurst (mervalyn@hotmail.com or 0407 004 956) to order.

Proceeds to Nepalese Prolapse Ladies.

Avondale Branded Merchandise

Visit the Online Store to purchase Avondale t-shirts and hoodies in advance or visit our Merchandise booth on Graduation Sunday located near College Hall.

Graduation is a special time that many families choose to celebrate with special gifts and flowers.

Bella Floral Boutique will be on campus with posies and single stems- anyone wishing to pre-order flowers should contact bellafloralboutique.com.au and let the team know that the order is for collection at Avondale University graduation.



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