

Dear Valued Partners

We are excited to contact you with two new developments occurring at Griffith University.

New academic calendar from 2017

From 2017, Griffith University is moving to a new academic calendar to increase flexibility for students as they progress through their studies. Griffith will be offering three teaching periods over a 12 month cycle to provide students in selected programs the opportunity to manage their study load flexibly or accelerate their studies if they wish.

Dates for the 2017 academic calendar have been confirmed as follows:

2017 Key Dates	Week 0 Orientation	Start Date	End Date
Teaching Period 1 (T1)	20 – 24 February 2017	27 February 2017	16 June 2017
Teaching Period 2 (T2)	26 – 30 June 2017	3 July 2017	13 October 2017
Teaching Period 3 (T3)	23 – 27 October 2017	30 October 2017	17 February 2018

Each teaching period will be 15 weeks in duration, with 12 weeks of scheduled classes, 1 week of exam preparation and a 2 week examination period. Orientation will be delivered in Week 0 and information and support activities will continue to be provided over the first few weeks of each teaching period to provide timely advice and support for students as they settle into life as a Griffith University student.

T1 and T2 will be compulsory enrolment periods for international students in degree programs. Students may elect to continue their studies over the T3 period, however this will be optional and subject to course availability.

Offers made from 3 September 2015 for teaching period 2 (semester 2) in 2017 and beyond will reflect the new teaching period start dates. Existing offers will be reviewed and reissued as required in 2016.

Key undergraduate programs and a small number of postgraduate programs will have intakes in each teaching period and details of these will be available in early 2016. We will be working with QIBT and the Griffith English Language Institute to align our program dates as closely as possible.

QIBT renaming to Griffith College

Furthermore I am delighted to announce that, from later this year, our long-standing pathway partner, QIBT, will be renamed as Griffith College. This is an exciting next step in our relationship and reaffirms QIBT's important role in providing strong and flexible pathway options for students wishing to enter Griffith University. In recent times, we have been working even harder on ensuring that students in QIBT feel part of Griffith University right from the moment they first step on campus, and this name change signals an even stronger commitment from both Navitas and the University to the academic and social preparation of students prior to entering their University program.

I am sure you will all join with me in welcoming this name change, as it will make it clearer to prospective students and their families where their pathway program fits in their Griffith University journey. You'll be updated as the launch date is finalised, but in the meantime, please continue to use the Griffith University 2016 marketing materials.

If you have any further questions on either the 2017 academic calendar or the QIBT renaming, please contact your [Griffith International Regional Manager](#) for more information.

We look forward to your continued support during this exciting transition. Best wishes, and thank you for the work you do with us in promoting Griffith University.

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