

A young man with short blonde hair, wearing a purple and white checkered button-down shirt, is smiling and talking to a group of students. He is standing on a balcony with a blue metal railing. The background shows a building with blue railings and some greenery. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting an outdoor setting.

*Why study a*  
**Master of  
Education**

**or Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies**

Empowering Christian teachers to serve God with  
excellence in education.

## Benefits of post-graduate study at Avondale University

- | Advance God's desire for you to excel in what you do in service to Him.
- | Build your capacity for Christ-centred practice with critically informed knowledge and work integrated learning.
- | Increase your depth of insight and ability to discern what is effective.
- | Gain specialised knowledge with high levels of autonomy and research interests.
- | Collaborate with like-minded peers and network across schools and systems.
- | Learn in the context of excellence, spirituality, wellbeing, integrity and service.

## Teacher Accreditation

- | To maintain accreditation as a teacher, you must participate in 100 hours of PD that relates to the AITSL National Professional Standard for Teachers at or above your career stage.
- | Each unit of study in the Graduate Certificate and Master of Education is recognised as accredited PD with all Australian State Accreditation Authorities, contributing 50 hours of Elective Professional Development to the maintenance period in which you complete it.
- | Each unit/subject may be provided as evidence of meeting Proficient, Highly Accomplished and Lead career stages.

## Career opportunities

Further study in either the **Master of Education** or **Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies** will enable you as an educator to be more informed and responsive in providing leadership, strategic direction, and key initiatives that guide and support whole school practice that will have a positive eternal impact.

Opportunities on completion of Post Graduate Studies include working as a:

- | **Highly accomplished teacher**
- | **Lead teacher**
- | **Principal**
- | **Special and Inclusive Education Teacher**
- | **School coordinator in area of specialisation**
- | **Head Teacher Student Wellbeing and Welfare**

## What do our **students** say?

### As a student, you can expect:

- | Lecturers who are regularly available to provide feedback and engage with students
- | Flexibility and consideration of individual student circumstances
- | Emphasis on your understanding of the course
- | Faculty committed to your development as a whole person.

## Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies

4 units/subjects

Course duration: 2-4 years part-time

## Masters of Education

8 units/subjects

Course duration: 2-8 years part-time

Minimum time to complete: 2 years part-time (*NB: These courses are not offered full-time due to the limited availability of some units*)

Specialisations offered:

- | Administration
- | Curriculum and Teaching Studies
- | Special Education
- | Educational wellbeing

Both courses are delivered **online**\*.

\*All units are delivered via Distance (online), with a Winter School offered in July each year where attendance at our Lake Macquarie campus is strongly encouraged.

## What makes our program unique?

At Avondale University, we offer an exceptional learning experience with students and alumni rating our education degree as #1 in Australia for student satisfaction. This is the result of our Christian worldview and our small class sizes.

## Our educational approach

The Master of Education program exists to inspire and equip conversant, capable and committed Christian teachers. We aim to help you become an educator who is reflective, creative and confident.

## Important program details

Fees <https://www.avondale.edu.au/study/finance/fees>

FEE-HELP is available for eligible students, [www.studyassist.gov.au](http://www.studyassist.gov.au)

**Scholarships** are available for Avondale students.

View all scholarship information. <http://www.avondale.edu.au/scholarships/>

Quality schools require highly trained and professional teachers. Your employer may offer incentives.

### Program Intakes

There is one intake starting in January/February

### Program Duration

The Master of Education course consists of 8 units of study over 2 years, part-time (NB: These courses are not offered full-time due to the limited availability of some units).

### Sponsorship

Adventist Schools Australia employees may seek sponsorship for tuition only or educational administration tuition and expenses. For further information about scholarships contact Adventist Schools Australia. Phone: 03 9871 7518

<https://www.adventist.edu.au/scholarships/>

### Entry Requirements

- | Have a suitable Australian bachelor's degree in Education or international equivalent
- | A resume/CV to demonstrate at least two years of teaching experience, including a written summary of your relevant work experience
- | International applicants must meet the Australian Government's visa requirements to visit Australia if undertaking the winter school component at Avondale University

## What now?

Your journey starts here. Get in touch with our postgraduate student advisors and we will provide you with more information and guide you through the online application process.

## Book a call back

Email [study@avondale.edu.au](mailto:study@avondale.edu.au)  
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