

Cultivating Student Leaders:

Empowering Under-18 International Students Through Peer Leadership,
Development and Engagement

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Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Queensland acknowledge the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.

*The Brisbane River pattern from A Guidance Through Time
by Casey Coolwell and Kyra Mancktelow.*



A young woman with long dark hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and dark pants, is sitting on a green lawn next to a large tree trunk. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. A brown leather bag is on the grass next to her. In the background, there is a large, multi-story university building with many windows, and another person is sitting on the lawn further away. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

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Leadership Program - Purpose

Peer-Led Support and Collaboration



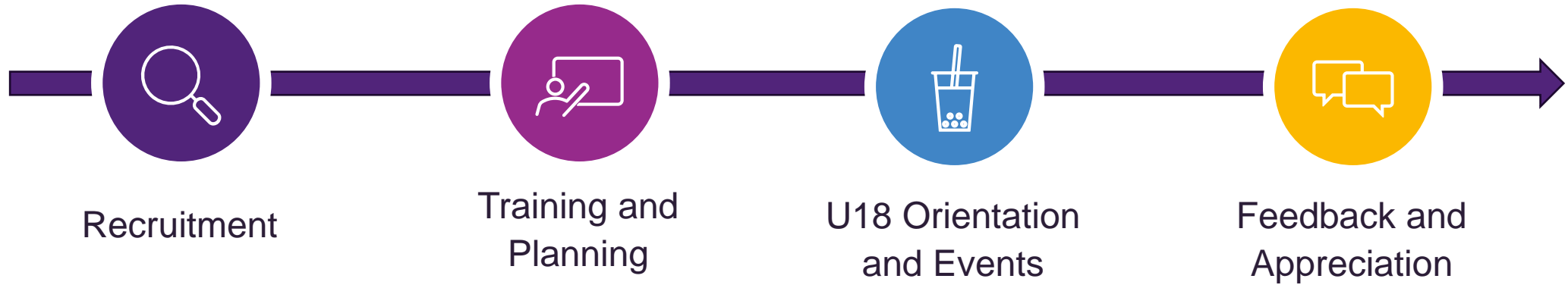
Empowering Leadership Development



Employability and Recognition



Leadership Program - Process



Leadership Program - Impact

From Students to Leaders – Building Leadership One Step at a Time.



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Leaders



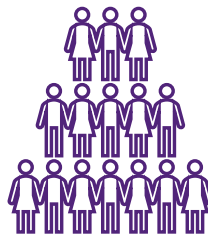
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Nationalities



200+

Volunteering Hours



70+

Students Served



What's Next?

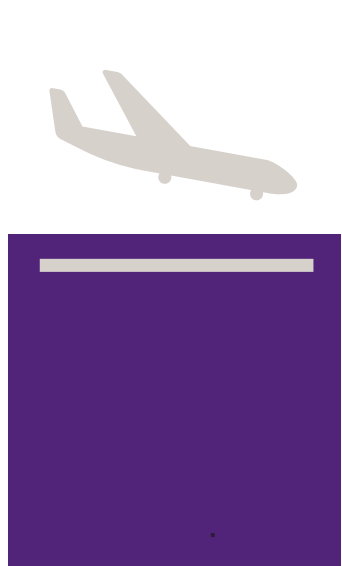
- Small Group Bonding Sessions
- Mainland Chinese cohort Engagement
- Professional Development & Future Opportunities

A reimagined Orientation

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The challenge: Our students . . .



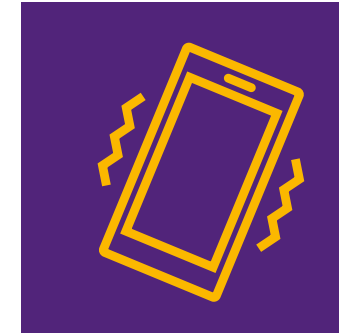
**Have just arrived
from overseas**



**Are navigating an
unfamiliar environment**



**Speak English as a
second or third
language**



**Have intermediate or
advanced device
distraction**



**Are in total information
overload**

The Solution: A reimagined Orientation

Knowledge road test Kahoot

Key Contacts and Support Services

Campus Tour Challenge

U18 Rules and Responsibilities

Interactive icebreaker games

(An ISSP Orientation club sandwich)

Interactive icebreaker games

U18 LEADERS
designed &
delivered

- Tailored to the cohort
- Mobilises the students
- Opens interactions and conversations
- Builds connections



Campus Tour Challenge

U18 LEADERS
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- Mobilises the students
- Encourages socialisation and working as a team
- Helps students to navigate the campus
- Is lots of fun!



Photo Challenge (1 point)

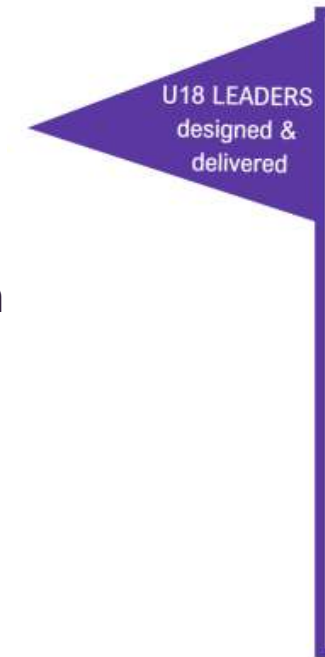
Find the emergency phone booth and take a photo to mimic the pose below.



Knowledge road test Kahoot



- Adds another medium to the Orientation
- Refocuses and engages the students
- Reinforces and consolidates the key information
- Book ends the session





Your parents are coming to Australia in the holidays and have booked a trip for you all to Sydney . What should you do?

- ✗ Call the Supervision Team when you get to Sydney
- ✓ Complete the Activity Permission form & submit it at least 7 days prior
- ✗ Leave your accommodation without telling anyone where you are going
- ✗ Ask your friends to come along too



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It's 9.55pm, you are still on the bus to your accommodation. What should you do?

- ✗ Call the Supervision Program Team
- ✓ Call your accommodation, say where you are and what time you will be back
- ✗ Call your friends and tell them you will be late
- ✗ Don't worry about the time you are getting back



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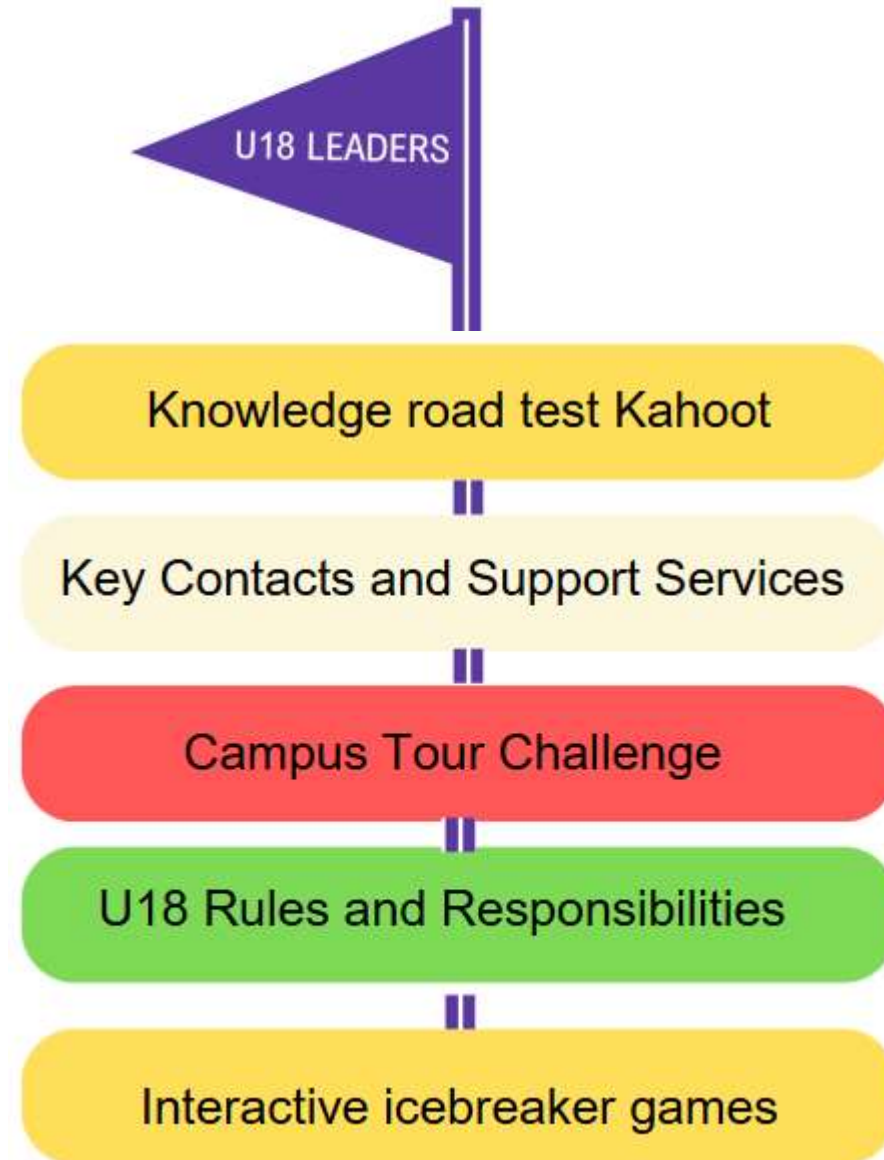


What is this?

- ✗ Australian medicine
- ✓ A spread you have on toast
- ✗ Face cream
- ✗ Alcohol



Incorrect



Thank you

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