



Curtin University

# *Attending Orientation Week – Bentley Campus*

**SOCIAL STORY**



## FIRST NATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Curtin University acknowledges all First Nations of this place we call Australia and recognises the many nations who have looked after Country for more than 60,000 years.

We are honoured and grateful for the privilege to maintain campuses operating in Boorloo (Perth) and Karlkurla (Kalgoorlie) in Australia. We pay our respects to Elders past and present as Custodians and Owners of these lands. We recognise their deep knowledge and their cultural, spiritual and educational practices, and aspire to learn and teach in partnership with them.

Curtin also acknowledges First Nations peoples connected with our global campuses. We are committed to working in partnership with all Custodians and Owners to strengthen and embed First Nations' voices and perspectives in our decision-making, now and into the future.









# Orientation Week

- I am going to university orientation.
- Orientation Week is a week of activities and information sessions to help me learn about university. It may also be called O-Week.
- I can attend for a few hours one day, or over a few days. I might bring a support person.
- I will meet friendly Curtin volunteers, mentors, and staff who can help me.
- It's ok to feel nervous, but O-Week is designed to be fun and helpful.

This social story is an inclusive resource to support you in preparing for, and attending, Orientation Week.

# PLAN YOUR O-WEEK

Your O-Week planner is pre-populated with all your compulsory academic sessions, but there is much more to explore and take part in.

-  **UniEssentials:** Learn the basics of university and being a Curtin student.
-  **UniSkills:** Develop the key skills you'll need for academic and personal success.
-  **UniLife:** Find out how to create your experience outside of the classroom.
-  **Entertainment:** Take a break with exciting entertainment and activities.

## Getting prepared

- I will log into OASIS to look at my Personalised Orientation Program (also called POP).
- I will have my **compulsory** sessions already marked in my POP planner.
- I can click on each session to find out more information.
- I can plan UniEssentials, UniSkills and UniLife sessions, entertainment and craft activities, and student services tours. When I click on a session it will let me know if I need to register for the session.
- I will check the campus map to plan my route ahead of getting there.
- I can watch the video about what to expect from O-Week, <https://www.curtin.edu.au/students/essentials/orientation/perth-and-online/o-week/>

and opportunities to represent Curtin in inter-varsity competitions.

Monday 3:00pm - 403.101 Ken Hall Lecture Theatre

**Entertainment & Social Events** Hide


Christmas in July Welcome Village ^

Cosy vibes  
Food giveaways  
Christmas crafts  
Chill and meet new friends

Monday 10:00am - The Arcade (Building 103) and outside Curtin Connect (between building 102 and 103)

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**My Timetable**

 You have the following sessions that require registration:

- [Yoga and Meditation - Tuesday 8:00am - Meet at Sport and Recreation reception \(Building 111\) – classes: Group Fitness Room](#)
- [Yoga and Meditation - Thursday 8:00am - Meet at Sport and Recreation reception \(Building 111\) – classes: Group Fitness Room](#)

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	Monday 13 Jul	Tuesday 14 Jul	Wednesday 15 Jul	Thursday 16 Jul	Friday 17 Jul
08:00		Yoga and Meditation		Yoga and Meditation	
09:00	Orientation Official Welcome				
10:00	Christmas in July Welcome Village	[C] Theatre Arts Welcome	Christmas in July Welcome Village	Academic Integrity and	
11:00	Explore Curtin Winter Activation Maze	[C] Bachelor of Creative Arts [C] School of Media, Creat	Search Smart Reference	Respectful Relationships and Consent	
12:00		Friend Speed Dating		Curtin Student Guild Uni Survival Guide	
13:00					
14:00			Go Global		



## *Packing for the day*

I might pack:

- Earplugs or headphones
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Fidgets
- Assistive technology
- A jumper and umbrella/raincoat
- TransPerth card (if I am using public transport)
- Water
- Food
- Money/debit card
- Student id card
- A printout of my POP planner (or I can access it on my phone)





## Getting to O-Week

### TRANSPORT:

- I can get to campus by car, public transport, bike or scooter, or walk if I live close.

### PARKING:

- I will need to download the Curtin parking app – CellOPark to pay for campus parking.
- It might be hard to find a carpark; I might need to park on the grass.
- I can check the map for Accessible parking if I have an ACROD pass [Access and Inclusion map](#).





## *Arriving on campus*

There are different ways to enter the campus, it will depend on where I park the car, store my bike or scooter, walk from, or if I arrive by public transport.

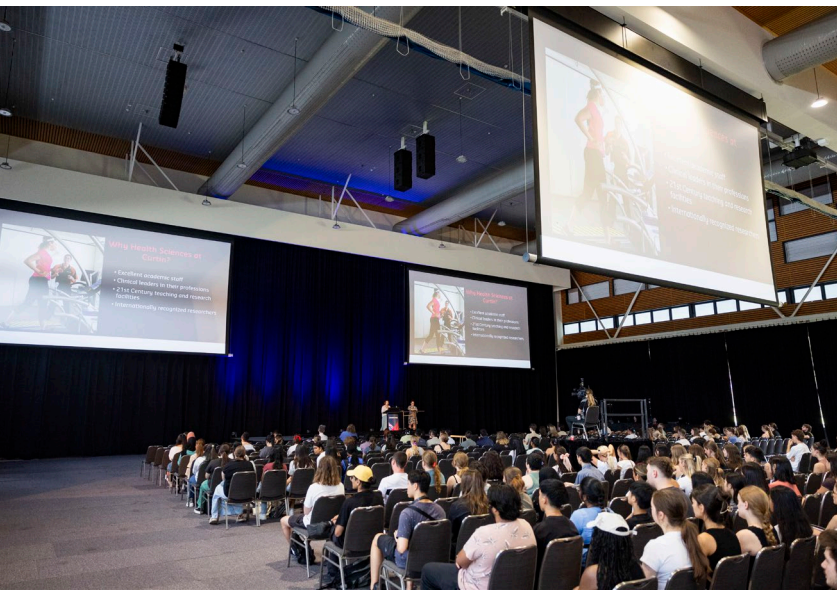
I can look out for volunteers wearing green shirt if I need directions or help.

I might see signs directing me to different areas of the campus.



# Session information

- I will attend my compulsory session/s.
- Sessions may be live streamed; I can watch these in another room if there are too many people.
- Sessions may be recorded; I can watch them when I am ready or I can re-watch the session.
- Some sessions will be a PowerPoint presentation, and some may include networking.
- I can click on a session in my POP planner to see more information, e.g., live stream link, registration.





# Things I might do:

- Visit Curtin Connect, building 102.
- Join a tour of the campus student services.
- Take part in activities and competitions.
- Collect information from my faculty.
- Join in and try new things.
- Meet some new people.
- Find a quieter space or walk to a quieter part of the campus (see sensory map) if I need a break.





# *Sensory information*

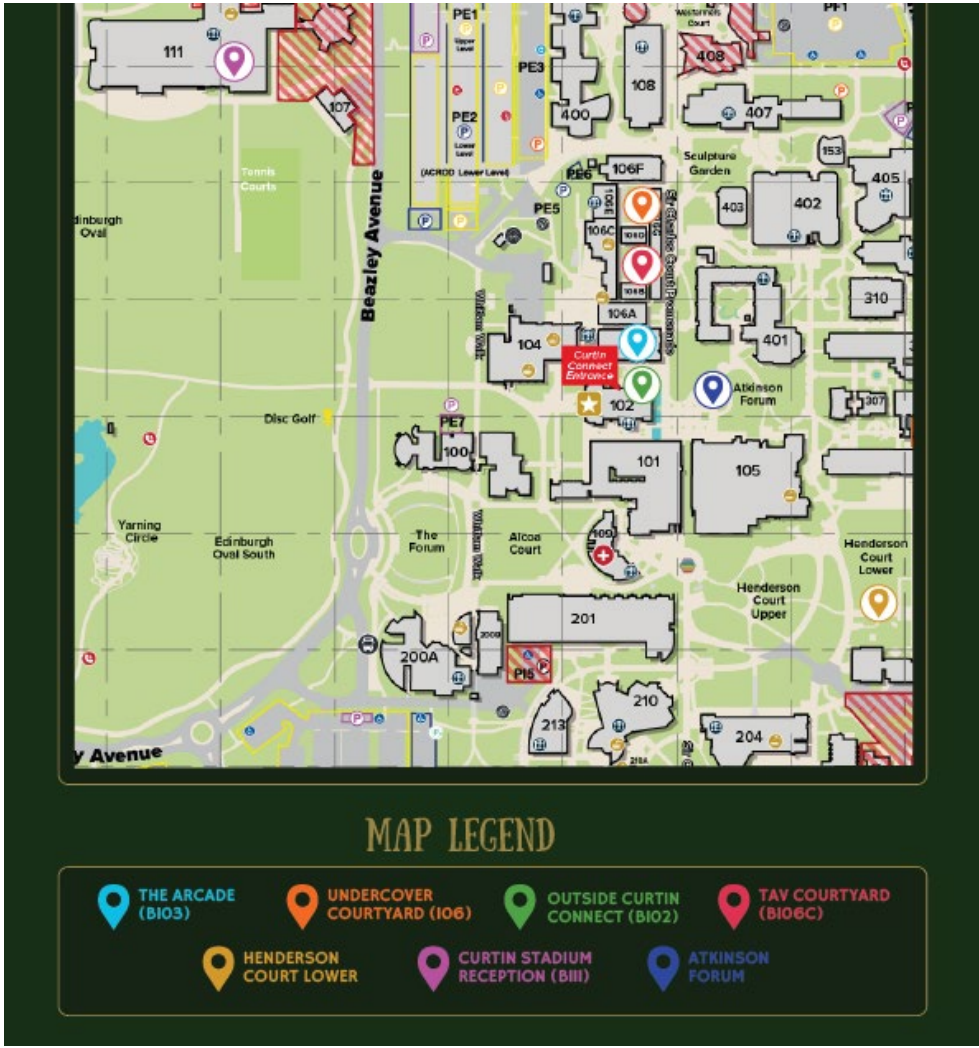
During O-Week, campus may feel busy or noisy. There may be many people around and many different sounds, such as music and people talking.

- I can choose to come earlier or later in the day, or later in the week, when there may be fewer people.
- I can wear earplugs or headphones to help with noise.
- I can also bring fidgets if they help me regulate and stim.

# *Sensory information*

- O-Week may include different sensory experiences. These can include smells from food and drinks, perfumes, and bright or flashing lights.
  - If this feels uncomfortable, I can take a break, move to a quieter area, or use my supports, such as a hat or sunglasses, to help me feel comfortable.
- The weather may feel hot or cold because of the sun or air-conditioning.
  - I can bring a jumper or a small personal fan to help me stay comfortable. There will be shade available.
- I can check the sensory map to see the areas that might be crowded, noisy, hot, bright or have strong smells.
  - I can avoid these areas, if possible, use my supports or visit a quiet space afterwards.





# Spaces on campus



- I can go to the Queer Department, Guild Equity Space, Building 106F.
- I can use the Accessibility room, Guild Equity Space, Building 106F, check the [Access and Inclusion map](#).
- If I am a person of faith, religion or spiritual beliefs, I can go to the prayer room at Level 1, Building 109.



# Amenities

## FOOD AND DRINK:

- I can have a drink of water or fill up my water bottle at the water stations.
- I can bring food for lunch or when I am hungry, I can buy food at one of the food outlets or food trucks.
- There may be lines to buy food and drinks, I might have to wait.

## BATHROOMS:

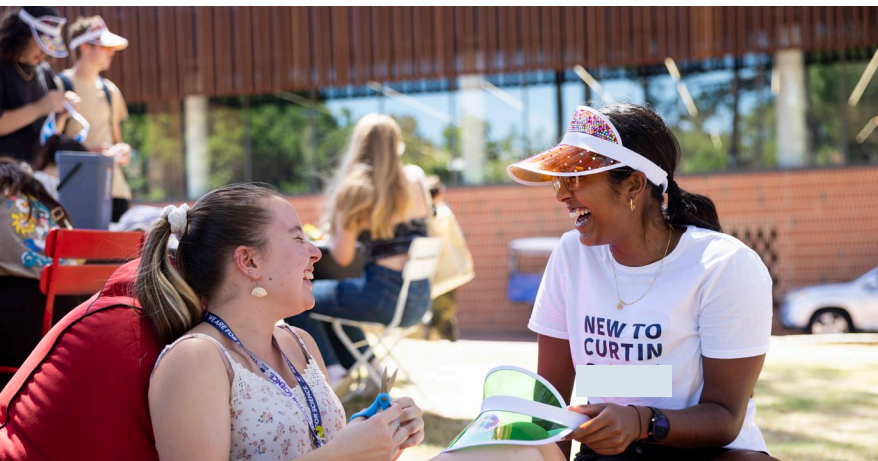
- I can go to any of the bathrooms on campus, I can check the map for where these are. Each building and floor will have a bathroom.
- Accessible bathrooms are marked on the [Access and Inclusion map](#).





## *Talking to people*

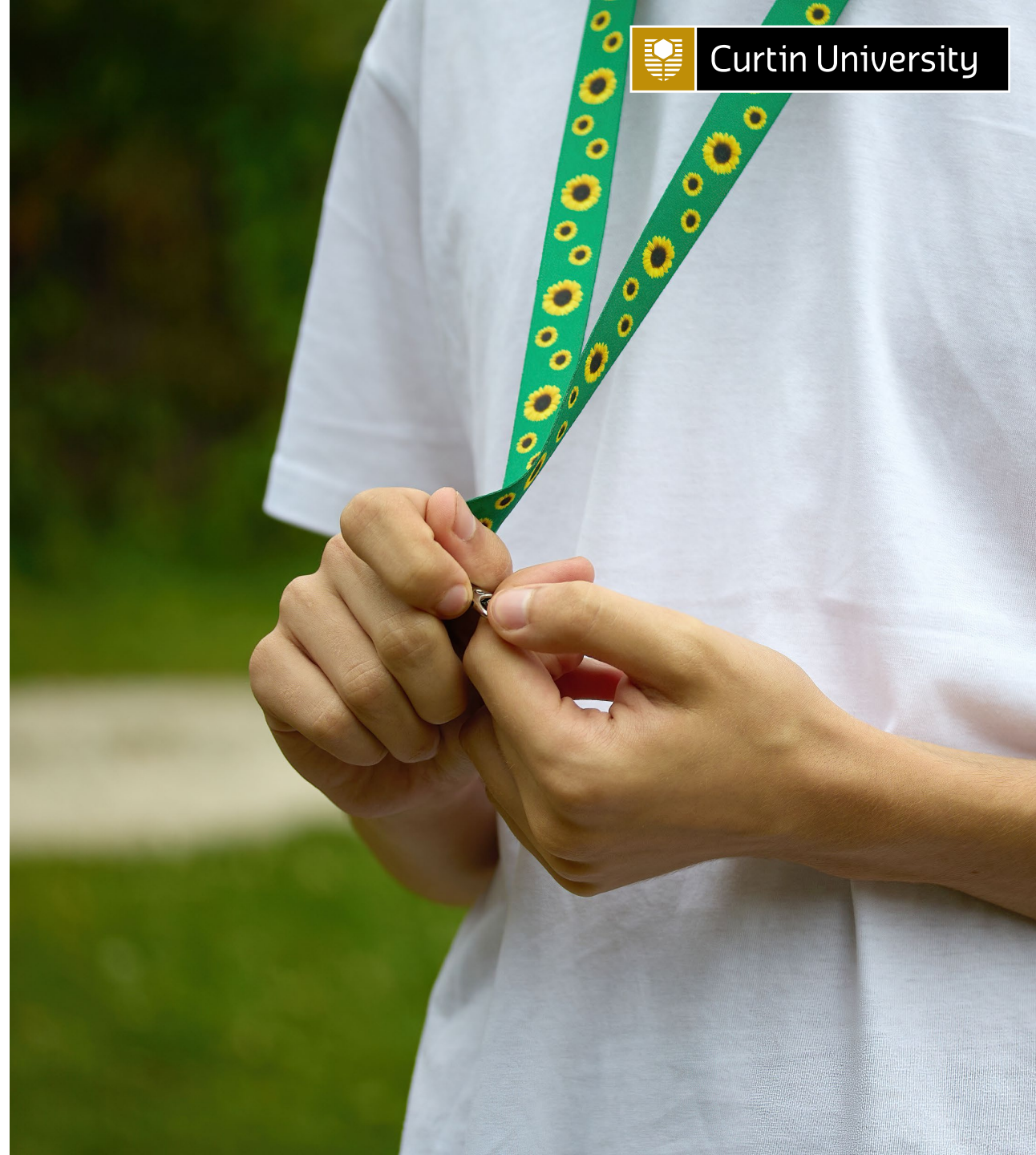
- I might meet new people, it's okay to smile, say hello, or just listen.
- I could ask them their name and tell them mine.
- I could ask them what they are studying.
- I might not feel like talking to other people yet.





# *Sunflower Project*

- Curtin is part of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Project.
- This means if I have a non-visible disability, I can wear my Sunflower lanyard, pin or wristband to let staff know I may need extra assistance or time.
- I can get a lanyard at the Guild Office Building 106F or from AccessAbility Services in Building 109, Level 2.





## *Finishing the day*

- I can leave whenever I want after I have attended my compulsory session/s.
- It's ok if I don't remember everything that was talked about.
- I may need some downtime after the day to prevent burnout.





## *After O-Week*

- I will have a better understanding of where to go and who to talk to.
- If I miss a recorded session, I can look for it on the O-Week website.
- I am ready to start my first semester!



# AccessAbility Services

- If I would like to access support, I can make an appointment with the AccessAbility Service to discuss my situation and requirements.
- I can make an appointment:
  - Phone: +61 8 9266 7850 or 1800 651 878
  - Email: [access.ability@curtin.edu.au](mailto:access.ability@curtin.edu.au)
  - Book online: [Disability & accessibility support](#)
  - In person: Level two, Building 109

