Rise, and Shine to a Bright Future
BELIEVE...

Why does the Moreton Bay Region need a university?

- We are one of the fastest-growing regions in Australia.
- Around 90% of students in our region travel an average of three hours each day to attend university.
- There are currently more than 19,000 university students in the greater Moreton Bay Region, but only 6,000 local university places.

What will the campus be like?

USC’s Petrie campus will be equal in size and status to the university’s campus on the Sunshine Coast. The Petrie campus is expected to cater for up to 10,000 students within the first 10 years.

World-class study opportunities

The campus will offer more than 30 university courses when it opens in 2020 including business, science, engineering and many specialty courses such as mechatronics.

Face-to-face learning

USC favours face-to-face learning, focusing on a high-quality on-campus experience.

What benefits will this university bring?

The Moreton Bay Region University Precinct will provide world-class education and job opportunities and support for our region’s continued economic development and growth.

Flexibility and support

USC has a strong commitment to increasing higher-education participation rates in the Moreton Bay Region. They provide flexible models and supported pathways for school leavers, workers, mums and dads, and mature students into university.

Jobs growth

It is expected that 700 full-time equivalent staff will be employed by USC at the Petrie campus, which will have a positive impact on nearby shops, retailers, businesses and real estate – supporting thousands of additional jobs and work opportunities.

Connectivity

The onsite train station will connect our local residents from right along the Moreton Bay Rail Link, and the Caboolture Line to the new Petrie campus. Regular bus services and car parking infrastructure will also be a key feature of the new campus to bring residents and business people from all over our region, reducing north and south traffic congestion.

Who is USC?

The University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) is a unique tertiary institution, established on a greenfield site at Sippy Downs 20 years ago to support the aspirations of the Sunshine Coast community.

From this beginning, the university has grown to more than 12,600 students and 120+ degree programs. Improved educational opportunity in the local community has been reflected by a 50% growth in higher-education participation in the Sunshine Coast region.

Comprehensive program offering

USC Petrie Campus

- 38 programs year 1
- 100+ programs year 10

- Law
- Preparatory
- Education
- Communication and Creative Industries
- Health and Sports Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine
- Science and Engineering
- Business

How will the university operate?

As a full-service campus, Petrie will provide the region with:

- A sustainable broad range of higher-education opportunities for local students.
- A university that is well integrated with local schools.
- Less students having to travel outside of our region.
- A research and innovation hub for key industries.
- An increase in employment opportunities in our region.
- Opportunity to support cultural development, Indigenous futures and sporting activities.
- An attraction for domestic and international students.

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A message from the Mayor

MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

There could be no more exciting announcement for our region than the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) setting up a major new university campus at Petrie. The first intake of students will be in the next 5 years. USC is planning to cater for up to 10000 students at the Petrie campus within the first 10 years.

The Petrie campus will offer a comprehensive list of courses and open up a world of opportunities for local residents and business people. It certainly won’t be a small campus; it will be a major higher-education institution, equal to USC’s Sippy Downs campus.

Courses offered at the campus will include law, business, science, engineering and many speciality courses such as mechatronics. In fact, USC plans to offer more than 100 different courses at its Petrie campus within 10 years of opening its doors.

USC is an excellent fit for our region with a five-star rating for teaching quality and a commitment to making university accessible to those people who have not finished Year 12 or are returning to study after doing a trade or going into the workforce. This is great news for school leavers, mature-age students and people looking to convert their work experience into tertiary qualifications. It’s great news for the prosperity of our region.

ALLAN SUTHERLAND
Mayor

A message from the Vice-Chancellor and President

UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST

USC is thrilled to partner with your Regional Council to bring a full-service university campus to Moreton Bay.

We’re already a big part of this community. About 15 percent, or almost 1000, of our students are from the Moreton Bay Region. And roughly a quarter of the students from your region who attend university come up the road to us.

We feel we’re a good fit for you. We’re neighbours and our communities share similar aspirations. We have the vision and values that suit a fast-growing regional community like Moreton Bay.

The sorts of workforce needs and industries in Moreton Bay are more similar to what happens on the Sunshine Coast than what happens in Brisbane, and we look forward to working with you and your Council to provide the degrees and skills employers need to help the region grow.

We couldn’t be more excited about joining your community and contributing to new opportunities and a brighter future for Moreton Bay.

PROFESSOR GREG HILL
Vice-Chancellor & President

Have your say on the project

Fill out the feedback form online at www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au or write to Moreton Bay Regional Council, PO Box 159, Caboolture QLD 4510

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