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Port Macquarie Campus

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Nestled on NSW’s mid-north coast, Port Macquarie is world-famous for its stunning white-sand beaches and rolling coastline. As a city, it boasts a vibrant cultural and shopping precinct, and a friendly community spirit.

With the launch of UNSW’s Shared Research and Education Campus (SHREC), Port Macquarie is now on the map as a regional hub of excellence in medical and allied healthcare training and research.

So if you are keen to get an award-winning medical education and enjoy life in one of Australia’s premier beach destinations, UNSW’s Port Macquarie Campus might be for you!

Through this program, medical students have the opportunity to complete their entire six-year medical degree outside of Sydney, in the regional centre of Port Macquarie. Alternatively, students can choose to complete the first two years of their degree at Port Macquarie Campus, and do their final years at UNSW’s Sydney campus or another rural campus.

With its cutting-edge facilities and first-rate teaching staff, UNSW’s Port Macquarie Campus will give medical students the option to do all six years of their medical program — from the initial coursework to clinical placements — in Port Macquarie.

Students at the Port Macquarie Campus will be offered the same course content and teaching excellence as Sydney-based students.

With incredible beaches and friendly academic, professional and hospital staff, Port Macquarie Campus offers an amazing life-work balance. There is a great sense of camaraderie amongst students who provide each other with personal and academic support — ranging from peer-tutorials to engaging in social events that take advantage of the stunning natural surroundings.

**WHY STUDY @ PORT MACQUARIE?**

- Award-winning medical education
- State-of-the-art facilities
- Moments away from Port Macquarie medical precinct
- Innovative UNSW program that caters to students’ needs for rural practice
- Small classes
- Short travel times
- Lower cost-of-living than Sydney
- Port Macquarie ranked one of Australia’s most liveable regions.

For more info on studying @ Port Macquarie Campus and how to apply contact:

Reception on (02) 9385 2167 or rcssyadmin@unsw.edu.au

Apply now @: http://med.unsw.edu.au/applying-medicine-program

**IMPORTANT DATES - 2016**

- 1 May - UNSW Medicine applications open
- 3 June - Applications for UMAT close
- 27 June - UMAT exam
- 30 Sep - UAC applications close
- 30 Sep - UNSW Medicine applications close
World-class medical training facilities

With NSW’s fastest growing population, Greater Port Macquarie’s population is around 76,000.

The region enjoys a sunny, sub-tropical climate, and is known as one of Australia’s most liveable towns.

This is a water lover’s paradise, with some of the nation’s best beaches and surf breaks.

Packed with gourmet cafés and eateries, Port Macquarie also boasts excellent wineries nearby.

The town is an easy 4 hours’ drive from Sydney, and 6 from Brisbane.

The world’s most stunning beaches

Port Macquarie offers students a dizzying array of cafes and eateries, a rich local music and art scene, affordable accommodation, and reliable transport links. A temperate climate, parks, gardens and walking trails make it a great place to enjoy walks. The 9 km Coastal Walk, from the break-wall on Town Green to Lighthouse Beach, is a great way to uncover this gorgeous coastal city. Another way is on the water, on a cruise to see dolphins – or whales during the yearly whale-watching season from May to November. Cross the Hastings River on the historic ferry to visit the Limeburners Creek Nature Reserve where you can spend the day swimming, bush-walking and wildlife watching.

What’s going on?

With an action-packed cultural calendar, Port Macquarie has lots of fun stuff for everyone – and here’s just a taste:

One of the longest-running IRON-MAN events on the global circuit.

Big Band Blast sees bands from across Australia and globe gather for this toe-tapping musical gala.

Mountain Designs Geoquest is a 48 hour non-stop action blowout, including trekking, mountain biking and kayaking.

On every fourth Saturday of month, this market showcases the finest local produce and delicacies.

Med grad’s time @ Port Macquarie inspired her to stay there as intern

SOPHIE Chatterton’s Port Macquarie experience as a medical student enticed her back as an intern.

Ten medical graduates have just started their one-year internship at Port Macquarie Base Hospital.

Dr Chatterton is among them after a two-year stint at UNSW Rural Clinical School Port Macquarie Campus as part of her medical degree.

"It was amazing - that is why I came back," she said. "I got a lot more hands-on experience and had a lot more opportunity here."
**Living the dream @ half cost of Sydney**

Port Macquarie boasts a breath-taking coastline and a dynamic dining and cultural scene — and you can enjoy all this at a fraction of the price of Australia's urban centres.

### Rent

Here are some typical rental prices in Sydney and Port Macquarie:

- **1-bedroom apartment, Sydney:** $400-550 per week
- **1-bedroom apartment, Port Macquarie:** $220-280 per week
- **Shared House/Unit, Sydney:** $200-300 per week
- **Shared House/Unit, Port Macquarie:** $110-180 per week

### Other costs

- **Basic (Electricity, Heating, Water, Garbage) for 85m² Apartment**
  - **Sydney:** $170 per month
  - **Port Macquarie:** $100 per month
- **Movie ticket**
  - **Sydney:** $20
  - **Port Macquarie:** $15

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**All the Port Macquarie staff are very supportive and friendly - it's a wonderful environment to learn in. Port Macquarie is a beautiful area, only minutes from the beach -- everything's really close and it's a lovely place to live in.**

**Renae Lawrence, Final Year medical student, UNSW Port Macquarie**