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EDUCATION FACT SHEET

Cairns is a destination of choice for students seeking to combine their higher education studies with the opportunity to enjoy some of the most biodiverse, spectacular landscapes on earth.

With a wealth of leisure activities and a broad cultural population mix, Cairns is becoming an increasingly popular choice for students.

As well as world renowned James Cook University (JCU), the city is also home to CQ University Cairns, the Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine (AITHM) and the Cairns Clinical School. Between these institutions, Cairns has established an enviable reputation for providing first class tertiary education in health and life sciences, tropical health, medical, teaching, creative and performing arts, to name just a few.

James Cook University is consistently ranked as one of the top universities in the world, delivering ground-breaking, internationally recognised research and high-quality educational programs that make a difference to people here in the Tropics, and beyond.

The Cairns Clinical School situated in Cairns city is linked to James Cook University and is a study destination for medical students in their fourth, fifth or sixth year of study.

CQUniversity is one of the largest universities based in regional Australia and ranks as one of the best in the world for its education and teaching methods. It also sits in the top two percent of universities in the world for graduate employability.

The Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine is a multi-disciplinary health and tropical medicine research institute based at James Cook University. AITHM's research spans public health, biomolecular, clinical, translational, and health systems.



DR MIRIAM HAM
HEAD OF COURSE DIPLOMA
SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHING

“At CQUniversity, we have a lot of former students who return to us wanting to become teachers.”



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Education in Far North Queensland

Unique People, Unique Approach

Education plays an essential role in helping people become better citizens, whether that's through developing skills for the future, learning about different cultures, respecting others or achieving success in their careers, access to quality learning is life changing.

CQUniversity conducts world-class research in 22 different research categories and was the largest training provider for 2019 within Australia. This makes it an attractive choice for those seeking to further their education and equip themselves with valuable career skills.

The Daintree Observatory

The region is also home to the Daintree Observatory, a completely off-grid facility which is available to all scientists, post-graduates, undergraduates and year 11 and 12 students. The Daintree Rainforest is the oldest continually surviving rainforest in the world. It has the highest biodiversity of any ecosystem in Australia with unique biota, including numerous living fossils. A visit to the Daintree Rainforest Observatory is a unique experience, where academics and students can immerse themselves in the wonders of the largest area of tropical rainforest in Australia.

Teaching in Remote Areas

With an area as vast as Tropical North Queensland, the educational needs of those in remote communities often require different approaches than typically taken in bigger cities. Education may not be as valued in communities, with Indigenous adolescents not fully engaged. Dr Miriam Ham has devoted much of her work to understanding and developing alternative learning opportunities to reach developmental goals. This achieves better educational outcomes so students can reach their full potential.

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Education and Business



Bridging the Gap

The JCU Ideas Lab was officially opened in 2020 with the aim of developing the innovation ecosystem in Far North Queensland by enabling regional digital transformation. This will translate JCU's teaching and research expertise into innovations that generate jobs and foster economic growth for Cairns and the broader region. The ultimate aim is to create products and processes with real commercial application that can drive economic growth and diversity for northern Australia.

A Significant Economic Driver

By providing JCU students, researchers and the broader community with practical pathways to develop as innovators and entrepreneurs, the program offerings are primarily geared to accelerate high-potential ventures or technologies towards successful uptake and global relevance.

Bringing together the business and academic worlds, the university enables real advances that deliver successful, scalable business opportunities. In an age which is technology driven, people aren't constrained geographically in the same way as they were as recently as 20 years ago.

DR DAVID CRAIG
DIRECTOR, JAMES COOK
UNIVERSITY, CAIRNS

“I am effectively a bridge between James Cook University and the Cairns community. Every day, I engage with a different area of Cairns life and talk to people about a vast array of new ideas, many of which the University adds value to.”

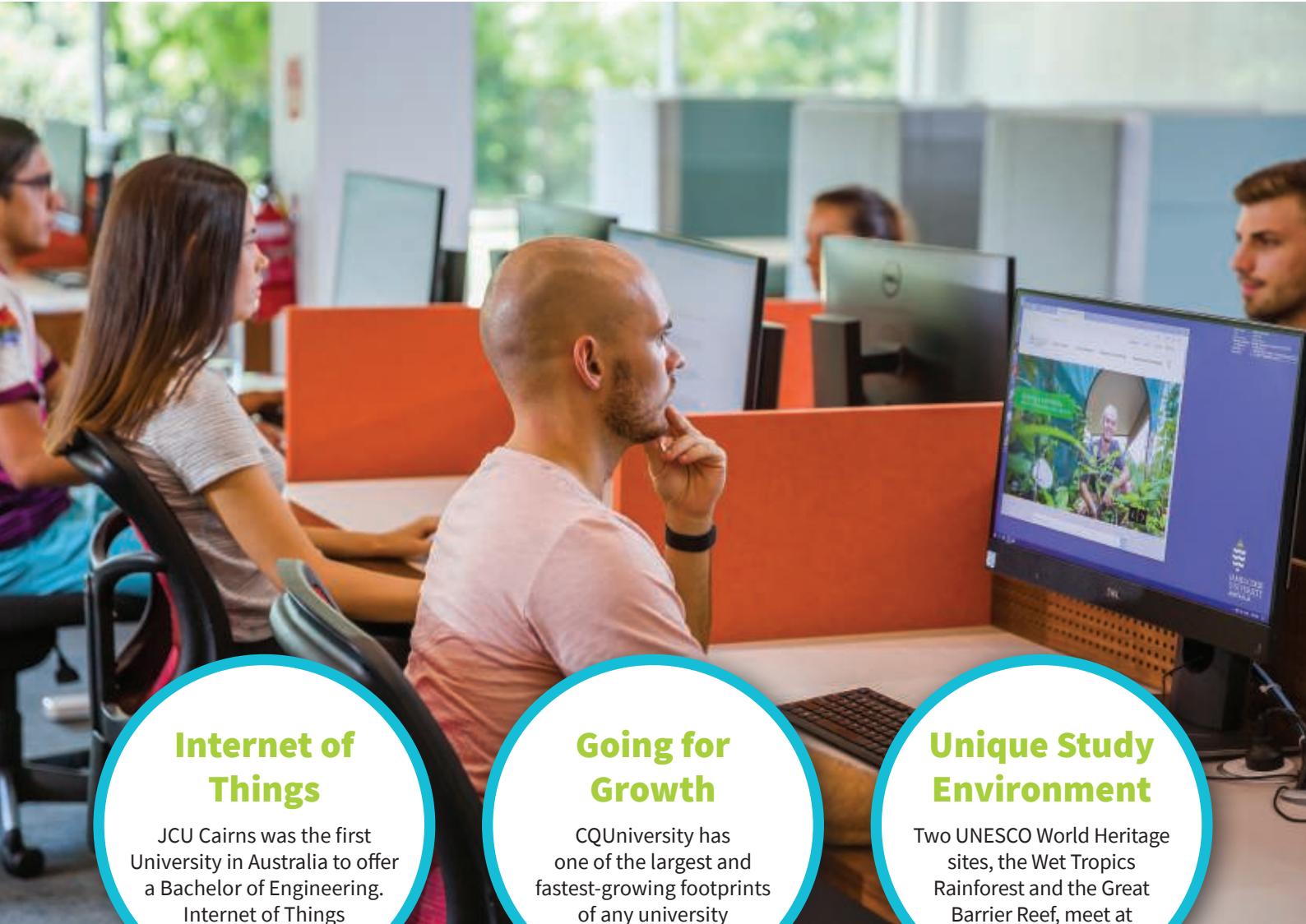
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Internet of Things

JCU Cairns was the first University in Australia to offer a Bachelor of Engineering. Internet of Things (IoT) program.

Going for Growth

CQUniversity has one of the largest and fastest-growing footprints of any university in Australia.

Unique Study Environment

Two UNESCO World Heritage sites, the Wet Tropics Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef, meet at Cape Tribulation.

Studying in Cairns isn't constrained to higher education. The favourable climate enjoyed in this part of the world makes for an excellent location for scholars of all ages to benefit from outdoor educational activities such as swimming, athletics and football. Tertiary education is hugely popular with local TAFE offering courses in mechanics, early childhood education, nursing, business and visual arts, to name a few.

Whether it's for a few months or several years, there is a course to suit most people who wish to combine their studies with a naturally beautiful, friendly, diverse environment. It's not uncommon for people to stay for much longer than they originally intended to, often for decades. Once you've visited, you'll understand why.

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