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AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES BRING WORLD-CLASS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES CLOSER TO SOLOMON ISLANDERS

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Fifteen leading Australian universities visited Honiara from 13 to 14 July 2026 for a Study Australia Education Mission (Roadshow), giving Solomon Islanders a unique opportunity to explore study options, connect directly with university representatives and take the next step towards an Australian education.

The roadshow welcomed Australia Awards Scholarships applicants for Intake 2027, self-funded students, alumni, and education sector partners. Through one-on-one consultations, participants gained practical information on courses, campuses, student life and the support available to help them succeed.

Australia's High Commissioner to Solomon Islands, Jeff Roach, hosted participating universities, Australia Awards alumni Austrade representatives, and Solomon Islands Government officials at his residence on 14 July.

"Every Solomon Islander who studies in Australia carries with them not only their own hopes and ambitions, but also the potential to bring new skills, ideas and connections back home," High Commissioner Roach said.

"That is why education is such an important pillar of the Solomon Islands-Australia partnership. Investing in people is one of the most powerful things we can do as a development partner."

Solomon Islands Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development Deputy Secretary Corporate, Coldrine Kolae, encouraged Solomon Islanders to take advantage of study opportunities in Australia, saying the knowledge and experience gained are an investment in the country's future development.

Australian Trade and Investment Commissioner for Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, Esther Sun, said it was important that Solomon Islanders knew about the full range of education opportunities available in Australia.

“This roadshow brings Australian education closer to Solomon Islanders, providing direct access to trusted information, expert guidance, and world-class study opportunities” Commissioner Sun said.

“It reflects our shared commitment to investing in people and empowering the next generation of leaders, professionals and changemakers.”

For many participants, the roadshow helped turn study aspirations into achievable plans. One Australia Awards candidate for Intake 2027 said the event helped her better understand her preferred course, the university application process and what life would be like in her chosen Australian state.

As of February 2026, 137 Solomon Islanders were studying in Australia, including 77 Australia Awards scholars. They are part of a growing community of students and alumni using Australian education to build skills, strengthen institutions and support communities across the country.

Learn more about Australia Awards through the website here:

www.australiaawards.gov.au.

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Photo captions:

Caption 1: Australia Deputy High Commissioner, Andrew Schloeffel with Austrade and MEHRD Representatives

Caption 2: Australia National University alumni group photo with ANU representative.

Caption 3: Australian High Commissioner, Jeff Roach delivering his official remarks.

Caption 4: DFAT representation group photo with Australian University representatives.

Caption 5: General public during the public session of the roadshow event at the Solomon Kitano Mendana Hotel.

Caption 6: Human Development Counsellor, Dr Tristan Armstrong and AHC First Secretary for Education greeted SINU invited guests.

Caption 7: Roadshow reception group photo.