Schools Recommendation Schemes

If your school was invited to join the newly centralised Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS), principals should have received, via email, an SRS Summary Report.

Raters at registered schools will also have received a Rater’s SRS Summary Report.

These reports will contain details of SRS applications from your school and the status of ratings for those applications. Rater’s reports will also provide details of SRS ratings to date for all students who were pre-selected by your principal and who have submitted an SRS application.

Two new fact sheets, ‘Principal’s SRS summary report’ and ‘Rater’s SRS summary report’, are available on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/srs/schools. The fact sheets give you more detailed information about the reports and also tell you how you can change the frequency of your reports.

Applications for SRS close on Tuesday 30 September. SRS Apply and SRS Check & Change will not be accessible after that date.

The deadline for schools to rate their students is Wednesday 15 October.

If you have any queries about SRS, email us at SRSschools@uac.edu.au

Educational Access Schemes

Most institutions participating through UAC have an Educational Access Scheme (EAS) for applicants who, due to circumstances beyond their control or choosing, have experienced long-term educational disadvantage, which has seriously affected their educational performance.

For 2014–15 admissions, 16 institutions will consider applications for EAS through UAC from applicants who have a record of tertiary study. For more information, visit www.uac.edu.au/eas/ and download a copy of the 2014–15 Educational Access Scheme (EAS) booklet and application form.

Don’t forget, if applicants have forgotten to claim certain disadvantages in their application, they can add them using the Supplementary EAS Application Form. The form can be found at www.uac.edu.au/eas/. These and other details are explained in the EAS Schools Package, which can be downloaded from UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/year-12.shtml

Key EAS dates

Tuesday 30 September On-time applications close

Friday 28 November Closing date to receive eligibility letter before Main Round offers change of preference date

Wednesday 7 January Closing date to be considered for EAS for the Main Round

Friday 17 July 2015 EAS applications close

Equity Scholarships

Applications are now open for Equity Scholarships. Equity Scholarships assist financially disadvantaged students with the costs associated with higher education.

Students can only receive an Equity Scholarship offer from an institution at which they’re currently enrolled and/or to which they’ve received an offer of admission.

By submitting just one online application through UAC, students will be considered for all available Equity Scholarships for which they’re eligible at the participating institutions.

Key Equity Scholarships dates

Tuesday 30 September On-time applications close

Wednesday 7 January Closing date to be considered in Main Round scholarship offers

Friday 17 July 2015 ES applications close

For more information about Equity Scholarships, read the UAC 2014–15 Equity Scholarships booklet, which can be downloaded from www.uac.edu.au/equity/
UAC has new phone numbers

Please note that UAC’s new general enquiry phone line is 1300 ASK UAC (1300 275 822). We encourage you to update your contact list. UAC’s ATAR Enquiry Centre also has a new number – 1300 MY ATAR (1300 692 827). Further information is below.

Community liaison

UAC’s Community Liaison Team has been busy travelling NSW and the ACT spreading the word on the ATAR and aspects of applying for tertiary study including EAS, Equity Scholarships and the new SRS application processes.

We attended 31 careers expos throughout the Central West, Hunter, Northern Rivers, Mid North Coast, Central Coast, Southern Tablelands, Riverina, Far South Coast, Canberra and Sydney Metro Areas. At many of the careers markets we have had opportunities to give presentations to Year 12 students on the ATAR and the application process. These sessions have been very well received.

The Liaison Team has also conducted nine UAC Days for principals, deputy principals, careers advisers, year co-ordinators and teaching staff who wish to understand the calculation of the ATAR and a variety of UAC processes. Locations included Sydney, Narrabri, Bowral, Singleton, Batemans Bay, Cooma and Young.

In 2015 we intend to schedule more UAC Days, with plans so far for Sydney, Newcastle and Broken Hill. To request a UAC Day in your region, email Donna Munro, Community Liaison Manager, at donna.munro@uac.edu.au

Our Community Liaison Team looks forward to a busy 2015 expo season and hopes to see you at one of the many events they will be attending.

My School applicant data

From Monday 15 September you will be able to login to My School to access a list of UAC applicants from your school. You can then remind any of your students who haven’t yet applied to do so by Tuesday 30 September.

ATAR Enquiry Centre

Students will be able to access their ATAR from 9.00am on Thursday 18 December 2014 on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au. They’ll receive written advice of their ATAR from UAC from Friday 19 December.

The ATAR Enquiry Centre will be open from Thursday 18 December when ATARs are released, to Wednesday 31 December. The new number for the ATAR Enquiry Centre is 1300 MY ATAR (1300 692 827). Details will be sent out in early December with the All about your ATAR booklet.

Accessing ATARs

Remind students that they will need their UAC application number or HSC student number and their UAC PIN to access their ATAR on UAC’s website. If they don’t have their UAC PIN they should call UAC beforehand on 1300 ASK UAC (1300 275 822) to have it re-issued.

Students need to keep their UAC PIN in a secure place and not give it to anyone else. UAC recommends that students change their UAC PIN using Check & Change after they apply.

International students – conditional offers

About 48 hours after they apply to UAC, international students will receive a conditional offer letter which can be used as part of a pre-visa assessment if needed.

The conditional offer letter lists all the courses for which the student has applied, and is a conditional offer of admission only. Students need to receive an unconditional offer to be eligible to enrol in a course of study.

Unconditional offer letters will be released from Thursday 25 September onwards. See UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/international/key-dates.shtml for a full list of offer round dates.

International students may receive one conditional offer from each institution in their application, and changing their preferences will not necessarily result in a new conditional offer.

Bonus points

Universities may allocate bonus points when assessing a student’s application in a number of different circumstances. These can include performance in specific HSC subjects, living in or attending school in an area defined by the university, and applying for consideration through Educational Access Schemes.

If universities allocate bonus points it doesn’t change a student’s ATAR – it changes the student’s selection rank. For most Year 12 students their selection rank is their ATAR. If a student is allocated bonus points, though, then their selection rank = their ATAR + bonus points.

Bonus point schemes are different for each university and sometimes for each course at the same university, so a student’s selection rank can be different for each course preference they list.

You can find details of institution bonus point schemes for undergraduate study at UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/institutions/ or in the UAC 2014–15 Guide.

Applications for 2014–15

UAC offers year-round admissions for applicants. This means that they can apply for undergraduate study from August until July 2015. However, students should be aware that not all institutions have included courses available in the second half of 2015 in the

UAC 2014–15 Guide or on UAC’s website, and courses are subject to change. Advise them to check the course search on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/ undergraduate/course-search regularly for the most up-to-date listing of courses available at UAC’s participating institutions.

Certain courses also have early closing dates so they should check UAC’s website or the UAC Guide for further information.

Remember, students need to tell UAC about all their studies and qualifications when they apply, even if they’ve applied through UAC before. They need to include all current, complete and incomplete studies and qualifications. UAC doesn’t keep applications from previous years so students must answer all the questions that are relevant to them.

International Year 12 applicants have a little longer to submit their online application - we encourage students to apply by Friday 24 October 2014 for courses starting in semester 1, 2015.

University news and updates

Course changes

Course changes since the publication of the UAC 2014–15 Guide and the July issue of UAC News are below, but we ask you to encourage students to check the undergraduate course updates section on UAC’s website regularly, as institutions often add new courses or cancel others. They can visit www.uac.edu.au/ undergraduate/courses/index.shtml for the latest details.

Australian National University

Course changes

B Accounting

The Bachelor of Accounting is now available as part of ANU’s flexible double programs. Students can combine the Bachelor of Accounting with a degree from the Arts, Social Sciences, Business and Science group or with a Bachelor of Laws.

B Asian Studies (previously B Asian-Pacific Studies)

Government and corporate Australia now actively recruit graduates who can demonstrate a deep understanding of the region. Combining this degree with almost any other at ANU will give students a competitive edge in the workforce. Guaranteed funding of up to $5,000 is available to support students to study and travel in the region.
B International Security (previously B Asia-Pacific Security)

This degree is for students wishing to work for international organisations like the UN or in foreign affairs, for government, or looking to join the intelligence community.

Students will study contemporary international issues and security challenges facing the world today and the implications of these for Australia. This degree can be combined to specialise in disciplines such as Chinese, Spanish, international relations, or peace conflict and war. Guaranteed funding of up to $2,000 is available to study in the region.

B Laws (Honours) – LLB (Hons)

From 2015, the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) program will be offered to all new students with an embedded honours program. This means all students commencing law in 2015 – whether as a single or double degree – will graduate with an LLB (Honours) degree.

This change has been made to ensure the ANU LLB (Hons) places an enhanced focus on research, equipping students with a broader range of skills, and a stronger foundation for postgraduate study, and reflecting the standing of ANU as one of Australia’s most research-intensive universities.

Charles Sturt University

Entry to teaching and education courses

Charles Sturt University has published assumed knowledge of a Band 5 result in at least three subjects, one of which must be English for its teaching and education courses in the 2014 – 15 UAC Guide. This was not intended to indicate an admission requirement, but rather an indication of the standards proposed by AIETS for entry into the teaching profession in NSW. Admission criteria to CSU’s teaching courses remain the same as for 2014 entry and similar to the teacher education program entry requirements of all other NSW universities. Admissions are based on current AIETS graduate standards of Band 4 English and Mathematics. Where students do not meet these requirements on entry to the course, CSU’s courses ensure they meet these standards before graduation. To keep up-to-date with admission information and for more details of CSU’s teaching and education courses, visit www.csu.edu.au/teaching

Open day every day

If you would like to explore one of CSU’s campuses, you can take a personalised tour on any working day of the year. You will be shown around by a current student and get a real feel for our great campus life, at a time that suits you. Just give at least three days’ notice. To book a tour, call 1800 334 733 or visit www.csu.edu.au/campustour

Macleay C college

Business, Journalism and Advertising scholarships

For Macleay College is now accepting applications its Advertising Scholarship, Business Scholarship and Journalism Scholarship. The scholarships are open to those wishing to begin studying at Macleay in 2015.

The Business Scholarship is a 12-month scholarship valued at $25,800. It is open to those wishing to study a business diploma or degree. The Business Scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates outstanding skills in entrepreneurship, marketing, public relations or event management. Applications close 31 December 2014.

The Journalism Scholarship, valued at $12,000, includes financial support for the course and an all-expenses paid internship at the world-renowned Centre for Investigative Reporting in California. Applications close 31 December 2014.

The Advertising Scholarship is a 12-month scholarship valued at $25,800. It will be awarded to a student who demonstrates exceptional creative thinking and/or organisational skills that would help them excel in the advertising industry in either a creative or account management role. Applications close 31 January 2015.

For more information on scholarships at Macleay or to apply, visit www.macleay.edu.au/future-students/scholarships-financial-assistance

SAE

Fees

SAE’s indicative annual course fee for 2015 admissions is $23,100. The fee indicated in the 2014 – 15 UAC Guide is the overall course fee for the complete course. For the most up-to-date information on courses available at SAE, visit UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/course-search/

Southern Cross University

Course changes

SCU is pleased to announce that it is offering the 338160 – B Sport and Exercise Science at its Gold Coast campus to commence in February or June in 2015.

University of Newcastle

Course update

B Medical Science/Doctor of Medicine (MDJ MP)

The joint Medical Program (JMP) has delayed the start of the MDJ MP until 2016 due to the challenges in delivering such an innovative program in an increasingly tight timeframe.

This will allow further time to ensure delivery of the highest quality program for students in what will be a first of its kind for Australia. Applicants to the JMP will continue to be enrolled in the established and well respected B Medicine (BMed) for 2015.

The JMP partnerships with two universities and two health services enable students to access a greater range of tutors, electronic resources, library facilities and clinical experiences. The BMed is a program of international standing offering early and broad clinical experience through this unique partnership. We look forward to continuing to deliver the BMed in 2015 and the development of the MD for implementation in 2016 (subject to accreditation).

University of Wollongong

Important UOW closing dates

Scholarships

The closing date for scholarship applications is Tuesday 30 September 2014. For more information, visit www.uow.edu.au/about/scholarships/

Accommodation

If you are interested in UOW Living for Autumn semester 2015, you are strongly advised to apply by 31 October 2014. Visit www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/ for more information.

B Performance (including the Dean’s Scholar course, UAC course codes)

In addition to applying to UAC, applicants must also submit a Bachelor of Performance audition registration form to UOW by Thursday 30 October 2014. Visit http://lha.uow.edu.au/taem/UW098087 for more details.

International B Science (including the Honours course, UAC course codes 757590 and 757600)

In addition to applying to UAC, applicants must also submit an application form to the Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health by Tuesday 30 September 2014. Visit http://smah.uow.edu.au/adv-applications/index.html for more information.
Course news and updates (continued)

Dean’s Scholar programs – Science degrees added

The specialist advanced science degrees listed below have joined UOW’s Dean’s Scholar program and their course names have been updated accordingly. These programs provide an enriched educational experience for high-achieving students who want to set themselves apart. Students receive academic mentoring and gain access to privileged faculty programs.

Students who have applied under the old course names will automatically be considered for the newly named courses.

- B Medical Biotechnology Advanced Honours is now B Medical Biotechnology Honours (Dean’s Scholar)
- B Medicinal Chemistry Advanced Honours is now B Medicinal Chemistry Honours (Dean’s Scholar)
- B Marine Science Advanced Honours is now B Marine Science Honours (Dean’s Scholar)
- B Nanotechnology Advanced Honours is now B Nanotechnology Honours (Dean’s Scholar)
- B Conservation Biology Advanced Honours is now B Conservation Biology Honours (Dean’s Scholar)

Note: Times indicated above are based on Sydney local time. Closing times are midnight on the specified day.

Key dates for 2014–15 admissions

Some courses have closing dates set by the institutions that are earlier than UAC closing dates. Check the individual course description on UAC’s website for details.

Applications and processing charges

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HSC and ATARs

| HSC results released by BOSTES | Wednesday 17 December 2014 |
| ATARs released by UAC (from 9am) | Thursday 18 December 2014 |

Change of preferences

For consideration in Main Round: Wednesday 7 January 2015
For consideration in February Round 1: Tuesday 27 January 2015
For consideration for semester 1 study: Monday 23 February 2015

Change of preferences must be made through Check & Change on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au and submitted by midnight on the relevant closing date.

Offers

- December Round
- January Round 1
- Main Round (January Round 2)
- Later rounds

December Round: Thursday 4 December 2014
January Round 1: Tuesday 6 January 2015
Main Round (January Round 2): Tuesday 21 January 2015
Later rounds: Tuesday 3 February 2015

Dual degrees

In line with UNSW’s aim to provide flexibility and a wide range of choice in undergraduate study, the following dual degrees are now available for admission in 2015.

- 424100 – B Science (Advanced Science)/B Commerce
- 424100 – B Design (Hons)/B Commerce
- 426000 – B Medicinal Chemistry/B Laws
- 426050 – B Music/B Laws
- 429230 – B Fine Arts/B Science
- 429395 – B Fine Arts/B Science (Advanced Science)
- 429331 – B Science (Advanced Mathematics)/B Science (Computer Science)
- 429361 – B Science (Advanced Science)/B Science (Computer Science)

It is expected that a number of other dual degrees will be approved in time for 2015 admission. Applicants are advised to check course updates in the Course Search on UAC’s website.

UNSW Australia

Updated courses

Bachelor of Engineering degrees at UNSW Australia, including UNSW Canberra at ADFA, have been renamed Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) to reflect the embedded honours nature of the programs. This is to ensure that students meet university and national requirements for honours programs and will apply to students enrolling from 2015. It is important to note that the content of the degrees on offer does not substantially change.

The programs affected by this change can be found at www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/new-engineering-degree-names-from-2015. This will be updated progressively as the inclusion of honours in the award name for remaining Engineering programs is approved.

New courses

- 429050 – B Life Sciences

Life sciences bring together the biological, environmental and medical sciences into a far-reaching field of study. This course is a great way to satisfy your innate curiosity about life within the field of science. Although maths and physical sciences, such as physics and chemistry, aren’t part of the degree, there is still the option to study these as electives. For more information, visit www.science.unsw.edu.au/life-sciences

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