

UAC News

For the principal, careers adviser, Year 12 adviser and curriculum adviser



Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS)

A reminder that SRS applications and SRS Check & Change close at **midnight on Friday 30 September 2016**. After this date, students cannot access or modify their SRS application. Students apply using SRS Apply at www.uac.edu.au/srs/apply.

UAC will send an email to the principal each time an SRS application is submitted by a student at their school. The email will contain a link to a login page where the principal can access details of all the SRS applicants at their school. Principals should advise their nominated rater when they receive notification of a new SRS application. All SRS ratings must be finalised by Wednesday 12 October 2016.

If your school's principal has changed since last year, please email SRSschools@uac.edu.au and we will contact you to update your school's details.

Fact sheets with information for schools about SRS are available on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/srs/schools.

Key SRS dates	
Midnight Friday 30 September 2016	Applications and SRS Check & Change close for students
End of November 2016	'Pre-offer advice letter' sent by most institutions to applicants
Midnight Monday 5 December 2016	Applicants must have their preferred SRS course as their first preference
Friday 9 December 2016	SRS unconditional and conditional offers released
Thursday 5 January 2017	Conditional offers converted to unconditional offers for applicants meeting institution criteria
Wednesday 18 January 2017	SRS offers will also be made in the Main Round and subsequent rounds

Educational Access Schemes (EAS)

You school will have received the *Educational Access Schemes 2016-17* booklets by now, outlining the scheme and how to apply. The booklet, application form and supplementary application form can also be downloaded from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/eas.

Students need to submit their EAS application by **Wednesday 30 November 2016** to receive their EAS eligibility letter in time to change their preferences for the Main Round. However, EAS applications can be submitted until Friday 6 January 2017 for consideration in the Main Round.

The EAS application process, including the role of Educational Impact Statements, is explained in the *EAS Information for Schools 2016-17* fact sheets,

which can be downloaded from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/publications/eas.

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Key EAS dates	
Wednesday 30 November 2016	EAS applications close for Main Round eligibility letters
Monday 19 December 2016	EAS eligibility letters issued progressively from this date
Friday 6 January 2017	EAS applications close for Main Round
Wednesday 18 January 2017	Main Round offers
Wednesday 12 July 2017	EAS Applications close
Students receive an EAS acknowledgement letter within 10 days of their application being received by UAC.	

Equity Scholarships (ES)

Your school will also have received the *Equity Scholarships 2016-17* booklets by now, outlining the scheme and how to apply. It can also be downloaded from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/equity.

Students can apply for ES until Wednesday 6 January 2016 to receive their outcome in time for the Main Round. Students apply online at www.uac.edu.au/equity/apply.

Key Equity Scholarships dates	
Friday 6 January 2017	ES applications for Main Round close
Thursday 19 January 2017	Main Round ES outcomes released
Wednesday 12 July 2017	ES applications close

Student preferences and offers on Schoolink

Here are the dates when preferences and offers for your school will be available after 5pm on Schoolink:

- Monday 12 September 2016 – preferences, so you know who has applied
- Tuesday 6 December 2016 – preferences, so you know first preferences before SRS offer round
- Friday 9 December 2016 – offers from SRS round
- Monday 9 January 2017 – preferences, so you know final choice for Main Round
- Thursday 19 January 2017 – offers from Main Round
- Monday 20 February 2017 – offers, so you know all offers for semester 1.

If you have any questions or problems logging in, please contact Customer Service on (02) 9752 0200 or email schoolsfeedback@uac.edu.au.

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Contacting UAC

Telephone

1300 ASK UAC (1300 275 822) or (02) 9752 0200 from mobiles

Email and website

use our online enquiry form at www.uac.edu.au

Postal address

UAC, Locked Bag 112
Silverwater NSW 2128

In person

Quad 2, 8 Parkview Drive
Sydney Olympic Park NSW

Office hours

8.30am–4.30pm
Monday to Friday

Payment options

The payment options available to applicants are the same as previous years – credit card, PayPal, Australia Post and BPay.

Remind your students that if they choose to pay by Australia Post or BPay, they must pay before they can receive any offers.

ATAR Enquiry Centre

Students who have queries about the calculation of their ATAR can call UAC on 1300 MY ATAR (1300 692 827) or (02) 9119 5012 from mobiles on the following days:

- Friday 16 December 2016, 8.30am–6.00pm
- Saturday 17 December 2016, 8.30am–4.30pm
- Monday 19 December 2016, 8.30am–4.30pm
- Tuesday 20 December 2016, 8.30am–4.30pm
- Wednesday 21 December 2016, 8.30am–4.30pm
- Thursday 22 December 2016, 8.30am–4.30pm.

If students have other queries about their application, they can contact UAC on 1300 MY UAC (1300 275 822) or (02) 9752 0200 from mobiles.

Offers below the cut-off

The cut-off for a course is the lowest selection rank (inclusive of bonus points) accepted into the course. The selection rank for Year 12 students can be simply their ATAR, or it can be their ATAR plus any bonus points they have received.

Here is an example of how it works:

Course A has six applicants, but only three places available. The six applicants are ranked in order of their selection ranks.

1. 79.00 (ATAR of 79.00)
2. 78.00 (ATAR of 73.00 + 5 bonus points)
3. 77.00 (ATAR of 75.00 + 2 bonus points)

4. 76.00 (ATAR of 76.00)
5. 75.00 (ATAR of 66.00 + 9 bonus points)
6. 74.00 (ATAR of 74.00)

The first three applicants receive an offer. The cut-off for the course is 77.00 (cut-offs do not necessarily mean the lowest ATAR; the cut-off is the lowest selection rank).

You can see that two applicants received offers with lower ATARs than the applicant who just missed out, because those applicants had higher selection ranks due to the addition of bonus points.

Community liaison

This year has been very busy for the Community Liaison Team. We have attended information evenings for Year 10 and Year 12 students and parents alongside the University of Sydney, University of New South Wales, University of Wollongong, Macquarie University, Western Sydney University, University of New England and Charles Sturt University. We have also attended 36 careers expos across NSW and the ACT and given 74 talks on the ATAR, applying through UAC and subject selection for Year 10 students.

In 2016 we conducted three UAC Days in Sydney and Grafton for careers advisers, principals and teachers who wanted to understand the calculation of the ATAR and how to use the annual scaling report. UAC Days have been a great success, with comments from participants such as 'a great professional development day' and 'all teachers should attend this day'. You can request a UAC Day in your region by emailing Trudy Noller, Community Liaison at trudy.noller@uac.edu.au.

The Community Liaison Team thank you for a successful 2016 and we look forward to seeing you at one of the many events we will attend in 2017.

UAC News is going digital

Following comprehensive feedback, from March 2017 UAC News will be delivered electronically. To receive your copy, email uacnews@uac.edu.au with the name of your school and the email address you would like UAC News delivered to.

Keep contact details up-to-date

Remind your students to keep their contact details up-to-date so that we can provide them with important information about their ATAR and application. If a student's contact details change after they have lodged their application, they can update their details using Check & Change on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/check-change.

Schools are required to update changes to a student's contact details with BOSTES so that the student's HSC and ATAR are sent to the correct address.

Key dates for 2016–17 admissions

Applications

Wednesday 3 August 2016

Applications open

Year 12 processing charge \$41

International students \$75

Friday 30 September 2016

On-time applications close

Monday 31 October 2016

Applications close with higher charge

Wednesday 30 November 2016

Applications close with higher charge

Friday 10 February 2017

Applications close for Semester 1 courses

HSC and ATARs

Thursday 15 December 2016

NSW HSC results released by BOSTES

Tuesday 13 December 2016

ACT Year 12 results released by ACT BSSS

Friday 16 December 2016

ATARs released by UAC at www.uac.edu.au

Change of preferences

Friday 6 January 2017

For consideration in Main Round

Wednesday 25 January 2017

For consideration in February Round 1

Sunday 5 February 2017

For consideration in February Round 2

Offers

There are a number of offer rounds for 2017 admissions. The major ones for Year 12 students are listed here. Check the *UAC Guide 2016–17* or UAC's website for details of all offer rounds.

Friday 9 December 2016

December Round offers released at 7.30am (this is when most SRS offers are made)

Thursday 5 January 2017

January Round 1 offers released at 7.30am

Wednesday 18 January 2017

Main Round offers released at 6pm

Wednesday 1 February 2017

February Round 1 offers released at 7.30am

Thursday 9 February 2017

February Round 2 offers released at 7.30am

Institution news and updates

Course changes since the publication of the *UAC Guide 2016-17* and the July issue of *UAC News* are listed below. 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. For the latest details, go to www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/courses.

Australian Catholic University

New courses

- 103330 – B Science (Environmental), North Sydney (MacKillop)
- 105521 – B Science, Canberra (Signadou)
- 105522 – B Science, North Sydney (MacKillop)
- 101122 – B Teaching/B Science, Canberra (Signadou)
- 101123 – B Teaching/B Science, North Sydney (MacKillop)

Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University

Cancelled

- 551080 – B Business with B Design

Charles Sturt University

Australia's first Carbon Neutral University

Charles Sturt University has been declared Australia's first and only Carbon Neutral University, recognised by the Australian Government's Carbon Neutral Program. The achievement is the result of reducing emissions and promoting environmental practices on campus, and purchasing carbon offsets to achieve zero net greenhouse gas emissions. For further information, visit www.csu.edu.au/csugreen.

New courses

- 211177 – B Communication (Journalism and International Studies), Bathurst
- 211187 – B Communication (Advertising/Public Relations), Bathurst
- 211197 – B Communication, Bathurst

CQUniversity

New courses

- 160810 – Dip Digital Media, Sydney
- 160811 – Dip Digital Media, Distance
- 160910 – AssocDeg Digital Media, Sydney
- 160911 – AssocDeg Digital Media, Distance

La Trobe University

New course

- 196200 – B Health Sciences (Medical Classification/B Health Information Management), Sydney

Macquarie University

Macquarie University takes a different approach, by recognising that pioneering minds are more than just their ATAR score. However, with so many entry programs available to students, it can be difficult to wrap your head around them all! Below is an overview of selected entry programs that are still in play for 2016 HSC students. Go to mq.edu.au/entry-schemes to find out more.

Early Entry Schemes

Schools Recommendation Scheme

Students can choose from over 50 Macquarie University degrees. Applications close Friday 30 September 2016.

Academic Entry Program

This program considers a student's performance in individual HSC subjects that correspond to select Macquarie degrees and makes an early offer dependent on the student's performance in these subjects. This program is available for 70 Macquarie courses.

Gifted and Talented Entry Program

This program gives high achieving students the opportunity to enrol at Macquarie while still at high school. Students who successfully complete the program units with the necessary GPA will receive an early offer for a selected range of Macquarie University Bachelor degrees.

Alternative Entry Schemes

Macquarie University International College

Macquarie University International College offers foundation and diploma programs to help both domestic and international students transition into university study. When students complete their program, they will be guaranteed a place in a selected range of Macquarie University Bachelor degrees, as long as they meet the relevant entry requirements.

Next Step Pathway

The Next Step Pathway is a solution for students who don't meet the entry requirements to a Macquarie Bachelor degree. Students will be able to choose from a selection of units and study on campus as they would in an undergraduate course. Once successfully completed, they can enter one of 17 Macquarie University Bachelor degrees.

New for 2016

Big History Scheme

The Big History Scheme rewards student commitment to learning by acknowledging completion of the Big History: Connecting Knowledge MOOC (Massive Open Online Course). Students who complete the course will receive three bonus points on their UAC rank to study a selected range of Macquarie University Bachelor degrees. Go to mq.edu.au/bonus-points to find out more.

Coming events

Go to mq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/events to find out more about upcoming events, including campus tours.

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like Macquarie to be involved at your school, email futurestudents@mq.edu.au or call (02) 9850 7250.

SAE Creative Media Institute

Schools Recommendation Scheme

SAE Creative Media Institute's Schools Recommendation Scheme through UAC allows Year 12 students to receive early offers of undergraduate admission by considering not only their subject performance, but also their school's recommendation, aptitude and community engagement.

Scholarships

SAE Creative Media Institute offer scholarships to outstanding creative media applicants. SAE Scholarships are awarded to recognise creative talent coupled with academic excellence and outstanding leadership. Recipients will be entitled to a full academic scholarship towards a Bachelor degree over the course of two years. Scholarships can be undertaken in one of the following disciplines: animation, audio, design, film or games. For more information, go to <https://sae.edu.au/admissions/scholarships/>.

Torrens University Australia

Cancelled

- 50120 – Dip Marketing

University of Sydney

Future Leaders Scheme

The University of Sydney has expanded the Dux Scheme to include school captains. The Future Leaders Scheme recognises dux students and school captains for their commitment to leadership. Students nominated by their principal who achieve a minimum ATAR of 70.00 are offered ATAR concessions to give them access to a wider range of course options. Principal nominations open on Wednesday 3 August 2016 and close in

early January 2017. Schools are encouraged to nominate students only after their status as either Dux or School Captain has been confirmed, as once a nomination is received by the University, it cannot be changed. More information on the Future Leaders Scheme can be found at www.sydney.edu.au/access.

Special Studies Program

The Special Studies Program (SSP) replaces the Talented IT program offered by the School of Information Technologies. The program is open to high achieving students (ATAR of 99.00 or higher) with a strong interest in computing and provides an opportunity to carry out a research-related project under academic supervision. Entry to the program is by invitation. For more information, visit http://sydney.edu.au/engineering/it/current_students/undergrad/tsp-ssp.shtml.

Sydney College of the Arts

Sydney College of the Arts (SCA) will become a part of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and will begin the move to the Camperdown/Darlington Campus from the beginning of 2017. The SCA's curriculum will be considered as part of the implementation of education elements of the University's 2016–20 strategy. While we will not be accepting new applications for the B Visual Arts in 2017, our aspiration is to create a re-imagined B Visual Arts for commencement in 2018. The program will be developed to take advantage of the opportunities provided by a move to the Camperdown/Darlington Campus and the new University-wide undergraduate curriculum. For more information on Sydney College of the Arts changes, visit <http://sydney.edu.au/news-opinion/news/2016/07/28/changes-to-sydney-college-of-the-arts.html>.

Cancelled

512200 – B Visual Arts

Sydney College of the Arts Portfolio Days on 6 October 2016 and 19 November 2016 have been cancelled.

University of Technology Sydney

New course

609605 – B Technology and Innovation

This new degree is a direct response to industry demand for graduates equipped to work at the intersection of technology, creativity and innovation.

The B Technology and Innovation is designed to equip graduates with the technological knowledge, skills, perspectives and strategies to address the open, complex and networked problems of today and identify the opportunities of tomorrow. Throughout the course, students collaborate with industry, community, government and academic researchers on real briefs and live projects. All students undertake a carefully selected internship in the second year of the program, creating a tangible connection between the university learning environment and their future career aspirations.

This degree is equally suited to creative, ambitious students who want to do 'everything' and those students who want to go to university but are yet to find their niche.

University of Wollongong

New course

757618 – B Environmental Science (Honours) (Dean's Scholar)

New for 2017, the B Environmental Science (Honours) (Dean's Scholar), targeted at high-achieving students, integrates material from a wide variety of disciplines relevant to the environment and its management. These include science, engineering, management, law, technology studies and philosophy. For further information, email smah-students@uow.edu.au or talk to us on 02 4221 3492.

Cancelled

755302 – B Social Science, Batemans Bay

755303 – B Social Science, Bega

755321 – B Social Science (Dean's Scholar), Shoalhaven

755322 – B Social Science (Dean's Scholar), Batemans Bay

755323 – B Social Science (Dean's Scholar), Bega

Important UOW closing dates

754800 – B Performance

754810 – B Performance (Dean's Scholar)

In addition to applying to UAC, applicants must also submit a B Performance audition registration form to UOW by Monday 31 October 2016. Visit <http://lha.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@lha/documents/doc/uow200098.pdf> for more details.

Scholarships

UOW scholarships and grants demonstrate our commitment to recognition, excellence, equity and diversity. Information about the different types of UOW scholarships and grants available and how to apply is available at www.uow.edu.au/about/scholarships.

Applications close Wednesday 30 November 2016. For further information, call (02) 4252 8959 or email scholarships@uow.edu.au.

Accommodation

If you are interested in UOW Living for Autumn semester 2017, you are strongly advised to apply by Wednesday 30 November 2016. Visit www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/ for more information.

UNSW Australia

New courses

429740 – B Vision Science

451100 – B Engineering (Honours) (Aeronautical, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical)/B Science, Canberra

Change to course name

429750 – B Optometry (Hons)/B Science has changed to B Vision Science/M Clinical Optometry

Western Sydney University

New courses

727601 – B Social Sciences (Psychology), Parramatta

720731 – B Arts/B Creative Industries, Parramatta

720732 – B Communication/B Creative Industries, Parramatta

720733 – B Design (Visual Communication)/B Creative Industries, Parramatta

720734 – B Music/B Creative Industries, Parramatta*

729036 – B Science – Pathway to Teaching (Primary/Secondary), Campbelltown

729041 – B Science – Pathway to Teaching (Primary/Secondary), Hawkesbury

729046 – B Science – Pathway to Teaching (Primary/Secondary), Parramatta

729507 – Dip Business (Standard) – 3 terms, Bankstown

729671 – Dip Social Science (Extended) – 4 terms, Nirimba (Blacktown)

728011 – B Medical Science (Forensic Mortuary Practice), Campbelltown

728012 – B Medical Science (Forensic Mortuary Practice), Hawkesbury

*music is only offered at Penrith

Campus change

720715 – B Design (Visual Communication), Parramatta

Additional campus location

722550 – B Engineering Science, Parramatta

722555 – B Engineering (Honours), Parramatta

720139 – B Engineering Advanced (Honours), Parramatta

722516 – B Building Design Management, Parramatta

722517 – B Construction Management, Parramatta

Cancelled

720519 – B Arts, Sydney City

729035, 729040, 729045 – B Science – Pathway to Teaching (Sec), Campbelltown, Hawkesbury, Parramatta

721046 – B Business, Distance