**What are Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS)?**

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) are one way institutions make early offers of admission to current Australian Year 12 students who have applied for undergraduate admission through UAC.

SRS aim to assist access to higher education for current Australian Year 12 students using a wide range of selection criteria, including school recommendations, senior secondary studies and personal awards and achievements.

Institutions have their own policies on determining SRS eligibility and making offers. Institutions can, for example, make early offers which take into account:

- SRS criteria only
- SRS criteria and ATAR (or equivalent)
- SRS and equity criteria, for example an Educational Access Schemes assessment
- Extra-curricular awards and achievements.

**Participating institutions**

A total of 11 institutions are participating in SRS for 2015:

- Australian Catholic University
- Australian National University
- Charles Sturt University
- Griffith University
- Macquarie University
- National Art School
- University of Canberra
- University of Newcastle
- University of New England
- University of Technology, Sydney
- University of Western Sydney

**Key features**

- Centralised UAC process, which means students only need to complete one application to be eligible for an offer from one of 10 institutions
- Offers made in the first week of December to first preferences only
- No additional cost to apply
- Simple online process for schools and students
  - SRS Schools is the online interface for schools
  - SRS Apply is the online application for students
  - SRS Check & Change is the online upload facility for students
- SRS is open to all Year 12 applicants who are attempting:
  - an Australian Year 12 qualification, or
  - an International Baccalaureate in Australia in 2015 and are:
    - UAC applicants for undergraduate admission for 2015–16.
- International applicants (students who are not Australian or New Zealand citizens or Australian permanent residents) can’t apply for SRS.
- Online rating system for schools completed by one permanent member of staff, providing their school’s professional assessment of a student’s ability in areas of study and aptitude.
- Year 11 results for NSW students automatically received from the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) if your school provides a Record of School Achievement (RoSA).

**What do schools need to do?**

- Register
- Complete ratings
School registration will open earlier, on Wednesday 6 May, allowing schools time to prepare for the scheme. UAC will contact all school principals about this year’s SRS registration procedure as follows:

- **Wednesday 6 May** ➔ email to NSW schools previously registered for SRS
- **by Monday 25 May** ➔ email to non-NSW schools previously registered for SRS
- **by Friday 19 June** ➔ letter to all schools not previously registered for SRS

### Key dates

**Key dates for schools are as follows:**

- **Wednesday 6 May** ➔ Registration for schools opens (see below)
- **Wednesday 5 August** ➔ Applications for SRS open
- **Wednesday 30 September (midnight)** ➔ Applications for SRS close
- **Wednesday 14 October (midnight)** ➔ Deadline for completion of school ratings