## SRS Information for Schools
### What’s new for 2015?

#### New institutions
Griffith University, the National Art School, the University of Newcastle and the Australian Catholic University will be participating in SRS for 2015, making a total of 11 institutions as follows:

- 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

#### Earlier school registration
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

Student applications will open on Wednesday 5 August.

#### One rater requirement
Schools are now only required to nominate one rater and submit one set of ratings. Schools were previously required to nominate two raters and provide two sets of ratings before a recommendation could be submitted. In order to streamline the process for schools, only one rater and one set of ratings is required in 2015.

#### No pre-selection
Pre-selection of students as candidates for SRS is no longer required. Previously, principals were required to select suitable candidates for SRS and students were informed as to whether they had been selected or not via SRS Apply, the online application. Following user feedback, this is not a feature of SRS for 2015.

#### Re-designed areas of study
The 10 areas of study will be split into two sub-groups:

- **Performance in Year 12**
  - Schools rate according to their assessment of a student’s performance in the subjects below. For English/Humanities/Social Sciences, schools are advised to rate students on their strongest subject.
  - Agriculture
  - Creative Arts
  - English/Humanities/Social Sciences
  - Languages
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - Technology

- **Suitability for tertiary study**
  - Schools rate according to their assessment of a student’s ability to undertake tertiary study in the fields below.
  - Commerce
  - Education
  - Health
### Additional rating scale/clear benchmarks

An additional rating scale of ‘Good’ has been added (Not applicable, Inadequate, Adequate, Good, Very Good and Exceptional). Clear benchmarks for the rating scales have been defined and are provided in an accompanying factsheet.

### New SRS Schools functionality

SRS Schools, the online application for schools participating in SRS, will now provide a quick one-page overview detailing:
- the number of Year 12 students in the school
- the number of students who have applied for SRS
- the number who are fully rated, partially rated and not rated

### Changes for applicants

No applicant questions

Applicant questions have been removed from the scheme.

Previously, applicants were asked to answer three questions relating to their motivation to undertake, and suitability for, tertiary study. This is no longer a feature of SRS for 2015.

Three awards and achievements

Applicants can only add an overall total of three awards and/or achievements to their online application. Awards and achievements must have been undertaken in Year 11 or 12 and applicants are advised to pick their three strongest awards and/or achievements.