### 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 12 institutions are participating in SRS for 2016:

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

### Key features

- Centralised UAC process, which means students only need to complete one application to be eligible for an offer from one of 12 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 2016 and are:
  - UAC applicants for undergraduate admission for 2016–17.
- 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
- Email SRSschools@uac.edu.au with any queries.
**Registration communication**

UAC will send emails to relevant school principals each time one or more students submit an SRS application.

The email will contain a link that takes the principal directly to the login page to access details of all SRS applicants from their school.

Principals then need to advise their nominated rater to log on to SRS Rater and rate each student.

Email any queries to SRSschools@uac.edu.au.

**Key dates**

Key dates for schools are as follows:

- **Wednesday 3 August** → Applications for SRS open
- **Friday 30 September (midnight)** → Applications for SRS close
- **Wednesday 12 October (midnight)** → Deadline for completion of school ratings