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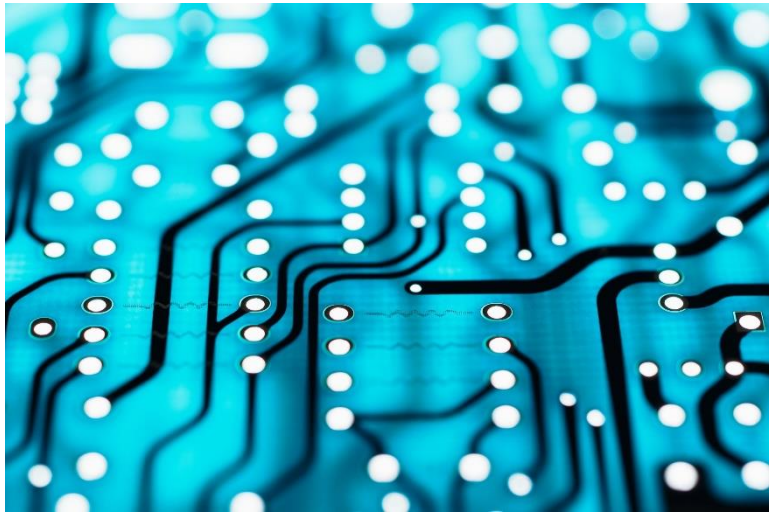
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NEW ADMISSIONS SYSTEM

VISION AND APPROACH

Background

- Based on a system built nearly 30 years ago, UAC's admissions platform has grown and adapted over the years to meet changing business needs.
- Listening to institution feedback about the future of admissions:
  - Increasing emphasis on general, non-ATAR related capabilities and bespoke requirements
  - Older technology is restricting innovation and scalability.
- The existing system needs to be re-designed to enable UAC to better meet future admissions requirements.



Vision

Digital transformation of UAC's admissions system to meet our institutions' emerging and future needs

- Refresh the underlying technology
- Enhance user experience for all users
- Support greater self-service and simplify the management and maintenance of the platform
- Build a system to enable us to scale vertically and horizontally to meet the sector's dynamic, complex and changing admissions requirements
- Provide enhanced data security

Approach

- The broader philosophy is to evolve the system, rather than build a new admissions system from scratch, ensuring continuity of service and minimal disruption to institutions.
- We will be engaging with institutions both formally and informally throughout the entire process to gain insights as to what institutions need from our admissions system.
- We will be seeking feedback and input across multiple levels:
  - operational level - from the people using the system every day
  - education sector - from a broader range of stakeholders, to understand what they see as the future of admissions to ensure that’s what UAC delivers.

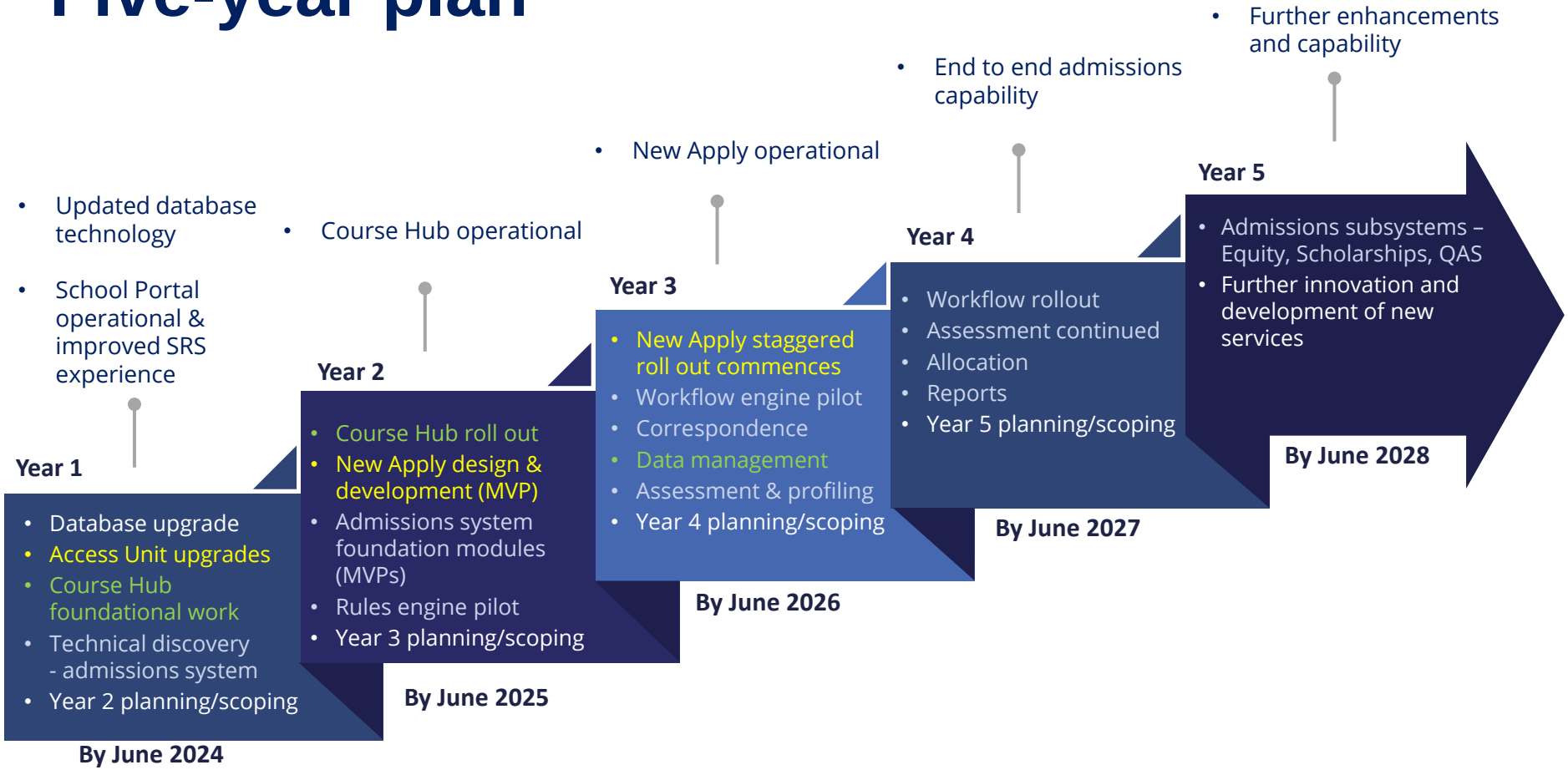
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- Given the complexity of the system, a five-year roadmap to undertake the full upgrade has been developed and covers four streams:

1. Infrastructure
2. Data
3. Admissions Management System
4. Student/School User Interfaces

- Work will be split into multiple projects and completed in stages over the 5 years, with institutions onboarded onto new components as they are delivered.

Five-year plan



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Delivered – 1st year

- The focus of the first year has been to address the underlying database layer and the key pain point around course data management.

1. Database upgrade	• From Ingres to PostgreSQL	Infrastructure
2. Access Unit upgrades	• New Schools Portal and SRS enhancements including SRS inclusion in Undergraduate Apply	Student/ School interfaces
3. Course Hub foundation work	• Requirements gathering and discovery, plus design and partial development of a graphical user interface	Data

Next stage – 2nd year

- Key objectives are to build the next layer of foundational components of the admissions platform that would act as the building blocks for future components.

1. Course Hub	• Complete development of the Course Hub platform and graphical user interface for rollout in Feb/March 2025	Data
2. New Apply MVP	• Design and development of a new online application which is configurable, has improved data validations & verifications and uses the concept of a user profile	Student/ School interfaces
3. Admissions system foundation work	• Targeting overall system needs, user permission management, rules engine & workflow engine development, and reference data maintenance	Admissions Management System Data

Input and feedback

- We need to hear what's important from your perspective for the new system.
- We will be seeking feedback and input from institutions across multiple levels throughout the various projects and phases, using a variety of methods including workshops, one-on-one interviews, surveys etc.
- Thank you to institutions who have already provided input and feedback as part of the initial phase of Course Hub.

Status updates and questions

- Regular email newsletter updates to institutions.
- Progress reports at Users Committee meetings.
- A dedicated email has been set up for institution queries: **New-admissions@uac.edu.au**
- Alternatively contact your UAC account manager.



Questions?