

1st September, 2017

Open Day Dates

- 2nd September ACU, North Sydney
National Art School
Torrens Uni. Blue Mountains Hotel Management School, Leura
UNSW, Sydney campus
- 9th September ACU, Strathfield
Le Cordon Bleu, 10 am – 3.00 pm
- 13th September AIE information evening, <http://www.aie.edu.au/infoevening>
- 17th September St Patrick's Institute of Education, 11 am, Level 1, 65 York Street, Sydney

Guaranteed and Early Entry

These schemes help students have some certainty when ordering their preference as they apply for courses for next year.

UNSW has a guaranteed entry scheme which allows students receiving a *selection rank* at or above the published Guaranteed Selection Rank to receive an offer to study at UNSW via the UAC December Round 2 on 21st December, 2017, as long as preferences are ordered in a way which allows them to make this offer. See <https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/guaranteed-entry>.

This year for the first time **The University of Sydney** is also offering fixed ATARs placements to domestic students applying for 2018 entry to give them more certainty through the entry process. See <http://www.sydney.edu.au/sydney-atar>.

Sydney City School of Business and Law offers early entry with a \$500 scholarship. Apply by 14th December for a guaranteed place, regardless of HSC results.

Torrens University Early Entry Applications are open until 29th September. Their Early Entry Program gives students the opportunity to receive an offer for a 2018 university place, without an ATAR. Visit torrens.edu.au or contact 1300 575 803 for more information.

Alternative Pathways

A TAFE qualification may provide a credit transfer by one of more than 3 000 pathways into a degree at an Australian university. Questions? See: TAFENSWCreditTransferEnquiries@tafensw.edu.au.

Scholarships

Once Year 12 students decide on the five preferences they will be lodging with UAC they should be looking on the corresponding websites to see what scholarships are available to them, making sure to meet cut-off dates, which may differ between universities.

UTS has an IT Co-op Scholarship for a 3-year fast tracked degree, which includes two industry placements and a payment of \$49 000 spread over the program. First round applications close on 3rd September.

Le Cordon Bleu is offering a scholarship for each of their Bachelor of Business programs in Hotel Management, Restaurant Management and Tourism Management. Applications close on Friday, 1st December 2017. For further details and the application form: www.cordonbleu.edu/australia.

New Programs

UOW is offering new Global Honours degrees, including four built-in internships, (in Wollongong, Dubai, Hong Kong and Singapore), to allow students to gain global experience as they study, work and travel. The degrees are: Bachelor of Commerce Global (Honours)* majoring in: – Accounting, or – Finance; OR Bachelor of Computer Science Global (Honours)* majoring in: – Software Engineering – Big Data – Cyber Security – Digital Systems Security, or – Game and Mobile Development * These courses are subject to academic and regulatory approvals. Sponsorship of \$48 000 is included. To register to find out more information: <https://coursefinder.uow.edu.au/golead/index.html>.

NIDA and AFTRS

Applications are now open with **NIDA** for Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in: Acting; Costume; Design for Performance; Properties and Objects Staging; Technical Theatre and Stage Management; Design for Performance, Directing, Voice and Writing for Performance. Further information: <http://applynida.edu.au>.

AFTRS Bachelor of Arts Screen Production applications close on 3rd October. This course is merit selected (no ATAR required). Details: <https://goo.gl/DbjMu7>.

Holiday Activities

Free Game Programming and 3D Animation for Games and Film Workshops with AIE. Register at <http://www.aie.edu.au/ied>.

Torrens University, in conjunction with **Billy Blue College of Design**, are hosting Design and Portfolio Building workshops at their Ultimo campus during the September school holidays. Students can participate in two workshops to develop their portfolio on 16th September from 9.30 am – 2.30 pm at 46-52 Mountain Street, Ultimo. RSVP: 1300 575 803.

William Angliss Institute is hosting 2 hour sessions on Tuesday 26th September from 10 am to 12 noon for students interested in trying a hands-on activity in cookery, patisserie, events & hospitality and coffee training. To book: www.angliss.edu.au/register-for-trial-a-trade.

JMC is offering holiday workshops on 20th September, from 5.00 – 9.00 pm in:

Audio Engineering and Recording Studio	Entertainment Business Management
Introduction to Animation	Introduction to Digital Design
Introduction to Ableton Live	Introduction to Game Development
Film & Television	

There is a charge of \$50 per ticket, which includes the cost of dinner and a light snack. Tickets are available online at <http://www.jmccademy.edu.au/sydney-high-school-workshops>.

Cadetships, Apprenticeships, Traineeships

WPC Group – Apprenticeships and Traineeships – specialise in finding these opportunities for students. They also assist with mock interviews, resume writing and preparing students for the workforce. For further details: nlean@wpcgroup.org.au.

Teaching cadetships applications close on 15th September. Students can work part-time in a school and get paid while studying and graduate with a permanent teaching position with a cadetship from the NSW Department of Education. Website: <https://www.teachnsw.edu.au/getpaidtostudy/cadetships>.

Pre-Apprenticeships now available through the Apprentice Employment Network NSW and ACT and its Group Training members, starting at times between September 2017 and February 2018. This gives great opportunities to secure top apprenticeships and traineeships. For more information visit: www.aennswact.com.au/pre-app/ or call Jason on 0419 466 584

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Deciding on a Tertiary Study Venue

Year 12 students are currently making decisions about which course and which university(ies) or colleges for which they will apply. All students from Year 10 onwards need to start thinking about such decisions. One helpful website for this is QILT.

QILT (www.qilt.edu.au) is a government-sponsored website. You can trust QILT results, because they are based on thousands of surveys completed by students across Australia. The results are up to date, because the surveys are completed every year (since 2012). The survey on student experience is based on a sample of 178 000 students from around Australia.

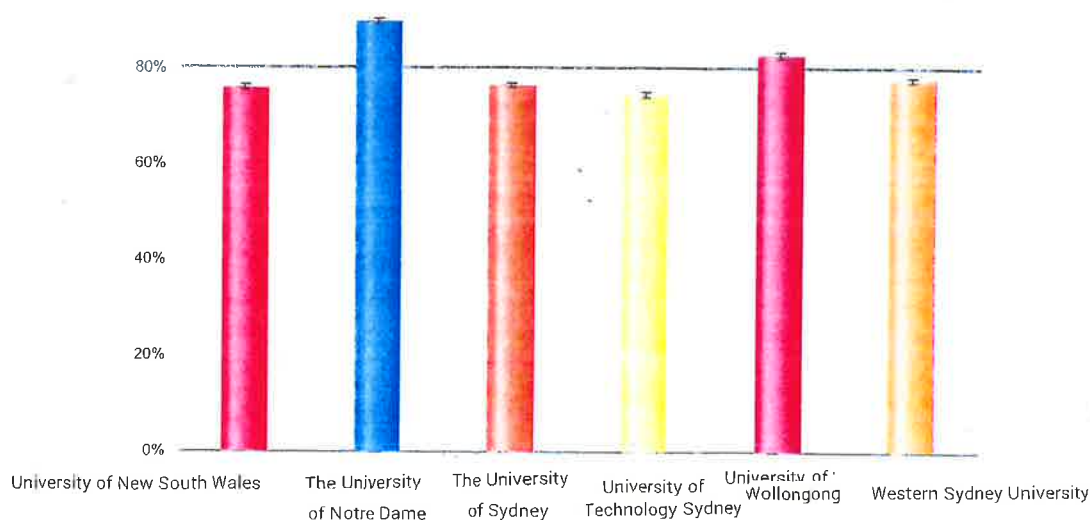


Once a student has identified an area of interest, eg Business and Management , they can go online to compare six universities or colleges at a time, on several different dimensions, such as:

- 👉 overall quality of education experience;
- 👉 teaching quality;
- 👉 learner engagement;
- 👉 learning resources;
- 👉 student support;
- 👉 skills development.

It is important to stress that this site does not use the publicity each tertiary institution generates about itself – the views are those of the students who have experienced education in those institution. It goes far beyond the glossy promotional material of the institutions to express the views of their consumers.

Using Business and Management as an example I surveyed six of the local universities, which produced:



To complete the survey I would probably re-do it this time including ACU, MU, ANU, Uni. of Canberra and perhaps the top two scores from the first survey or I could re-take the survey with a mix of university and non-university courses in the same study area.

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