

24th February, 2017

Coming Events

UNSW is offering the following workshops and information evenings to students in Years 10, 11 and 12:

Information Evenings for students and parents

- 📅 Tuesday, 21st March, at 5.30 pm – Science and Engineering Student/Parent Information Evening
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/unsw+science+and+engineering+info+evening/15a4402743309330> to register
- 📅 Thursday, 23rd March, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm – Medicine Information Evening
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/unsw+medicine+information+evening/15a1b05b99dfe0fc> to register
- 📅 Tuesday, 21st March, 6.30 pm – Built Environment Information Evening
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/unsw+built+environment+information+evening/15a1b05b99dfe0f> to register

Science and Engineering Student/Parent Information Evening

Students in Years 11 and 12, and their parents, are invited to attend an information evening in the John Niland Scientia Building at UNSW on Tuesday, 21st March. Registration is between 5.30 and 6.00 pm and presentations will run from 6.00 – 7.00 pm, with a careers market and exhibitions from 7.00 – 8.30 pm. For registration go to:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/unsw+science+and+engineering+info+evening/15a4402743309330>

Year 12 Medicine Information Evening, will be held on 23rd March, 6.30 – 8.30 pm, in the Sir John Clancy Auditorium. The evening will give an overview of the UNSW Medicine degree, application details and tips for preparing for the UMAT. You will be able to ask questions about the course and the interview process. The event will fill quickly, so if interested please register now at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/year-12-medicine-information-evening-registration-32036722700>

UOW is offering subject selection plus UAC information sessions for Year 10 students and their parents, as follows:

1 st May	at the Wollongong campus	McKinnon Building at 6.30 pm
2 nd May	at Gymea Tradies Club	at 6.30 pm
9 th May	at UOW South Western Sydney campus	at 6.30 pm

As well as subject selection, the following topics will be covered:

UOW Early Admission	Important dates and key things to remember for UAC
Bonus ATAR point program	applications
Scholarships	Available degrees and opportunities
Clubs and Societies	Options if you don't get the ATAR you need

To register please go online: https://courseenquiry.uow.edu.au/cf_forms/Book-into-an-Event. These events will fill quickly so I suggest you register early.

At these events **UAC** will talk about university applications, pre-requisites, and more.

School Holiday Activities

UNSW Workshop Days for students

- 📅 Architecture) dates to be advised
- 📅 City planning) later by UNSW
- 📅 Computation design – Thursday, 13th April, 2017 9.30 am – 3.00 pm
- 📅 Construction management & property – Wednesday, 12th April
- 📅 Industrial design – Tuesday, 18th April
- 📅 Interior architecture – Tuesday, 11th April
- 📅 Landscape architecture – Monday, 10th April

Please go to https://www.be.unsw.edu.au/events/high-school-workshops?mc_cid=6df20c0f9b&mc_eid=f072a2a935 to register for any or all of these workshops.

Sydney Design School (2/40 Oxley Street, St Leonards) is running an Interior Decoration Masterclass over two days – 19th – 20th April, from 9.30 – 4.00 pm during the coming holidays. Please see <http://bit.ly/1UayXzw> for further information.

William Angliss Institute Sydney will be holding complimentary workshops in the coming holidays in Cookery, Patisserie, Coffee and Hospitality at their Surry Hill campus. This is a great opportunity for students to get some hands-on experience to test their interest in these areas. For more information please contact stacey@angliss.edu.au or call 9125 5111.

Applications for the **International Science School** to be held on 2nd – 15th July at the University of Sydney close on 17th March. Top science students should look at the information at <http://sydney.edu.au/science/> and talk to their science teacher about this opportunity if they are interested in attending.

Applications open on 1st March for the **National Youth Science Forum** 12 day immersive residential program in January 2018. Outstanding science students should talk to their science teacher if they are interested.

Studying Overseas

Students in Years 10 – 12 interested in studying in the US should attend the **US Application Information Workshop** to be held at Cranbrook School, 5 Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill on 2nd March. There will be two sessions at 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm. If wishing to attend please RSVP to deb@uscollegeconnect.com.

Work Experience

Students wishing to do work experience in **Game Development, Animation and Visual Effects** may be able to do this as part of the AIE Work Experience Program. To register go to: <http://www.aie.edu.au/workexperience>.

Not work experience but of interest if you couldn't get WE at the Zoo: **Meet a Keeper Seminars** will be held on 22nd March, 5th April and 20th October. Further information is at <https://taronga.org.au/education/sydney/meet-keeper> and remember that you have to seek permission from Mrs Davis for a day's absence if selected.

Gap Year Placements

Lattitude Global Volunteering has now opened applications for students who wish to take a Gap Year period in Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia/Pacific in 2018. The application deadline is 16th June and interviews will be held in June-July. Further information is available from www.lattitude.org.au.

Cadetship Programs

Each year Professional Cadetships Australia provides Year 12 students with the opportunity to apply for a cadetship with leading companies. These cadetships provide paid employment while undertaking university studies. Applications for the **2017 Business Cadetship Program** will open on 6th March and close on 10th May for students selecting degrees in business, commerce, economics and the humanities.

See the posters in the Wingara upstairs foyer and visit the website: www.businesscadetships.com.au.

News from the Universities

UOW – Year 12 attended **Discovery Day** on Friday, 10th February. While students followed a self-chosen lecture program around the university, careers practitioners were briefed on latest developments within the university.

- ☛ The comprehensive briefing on UOW **STEM courses** is now displayed for students in the upstairs foyer of Wingara.
- ☛ I have compiled a hand-out on the briefing about their **psychology programs** and this is available on request.

UNSW held their careers briefing last week; relevant disseminated information was:

- 📌 They will move to a revised calendar in 2019. Students will study three subjects instead of four per term, freeing up one term for research, work placements, overseas experience. The long Christmas holidays will be reduced in length.
- 📌 Scholarship applications will open on 1st July this year.
- 📌 Their B Data Science is the first in Australia – ATAR 94,
- 📌 Optometry no longer requires students to take the UMAT.
- 📌 Law offers 25 degree combinations, with compulsory clinical participation. All applicants must take the Law Aptitude Test (LAT). Registrations for the LAT will open in May with the test to be held in September (date to be released). Students can register to be on the LAT mailing list at law.unsw.lat.edu.au.
- 📌 Remember to check if the course for which you are applying offers guaranteed entry (not Medicine or Law but check later for any changes).

News from UAC

Students need to note that there will be significant changes for 2017/18 admissions:

- 📌 Students will now only be able to list up to 5 preferences.
- 📌 All preferences will be considered in the Early Round offers.
- 📌 There will be an offer based on the ATAR before Christmas.

Relevant dates are:

2 nd August, 2017	All applications open
29 th September	On time applications close SRS applications close
3 rd December	Change of preferences for December Round 1 offers
7 th December	December Round 1 offers – SRS
17 th December	Change of preferences for December Round 2 offers
21 st December	December Round 2 offers – ATAR or SRS
3 rd January, 2018	Change of preferences close for January Round offers
12 th January	January Round – main round offers

These dates should be read in conjunction with:

16 th October - 10 th November	HSC examinations
14 th December	Issue of examination results
15 th December	Issue of ATARs

Students and parents need to take these dates into account when planning overseas trips.

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Study Tips from ELES

BASED ON THE STUDY SKILLS HANDBOOK NEWSLETTER

TOP 5 HABITS FOR STUDENTS

Students need to engage with the following habits early in high school and continue to follow them right through to Year 12. Your challenge for this year, no matter what your year level, is to ensure these habits become embedded as part of YOUR practice for learning to help you become an effective learner at school and in your career and personal life.

Want to develop great habits for learning? Here's what you need to do:

1. ENGAGE: Don't just be a bystander, instead be an active participant in your own learning, taking responsibility for what you need to do to achieve your academic best.

This means:

___ You involve yourself in all of your lessons, staying on task, participating in discussions and trying to absorb as much as you can during your classes (and that means less to learn later).

___ You complete all of the set work for your subjects (your teacher gives you this for a reason) and you try and keep up to date in this work.

___ You seek help on anything you don't understand or can't do. This might be from a teacher, a friend, online sources, additional books or study guides. You also do this nice and early, you don't let the problems pile up.

2. ORGANISE: Being organised means that you can find things when you need them, you don't forget about work to be done and you don't have last minute panics. This is much less stressful.

This means:

___ You have a good system for managing all of the paper for school, you file away completed work and sort and organise all of the papers you are given.

___ You do the same with your digital resources: well named folders and logical filing structures. You do a back-up on a regular basis.

___ When you are given an assessment task you make a plan for when you will do the work for this task and you adjust the plan along the way as things change.

3. THINK AHEAD: Part of 'stepping up' is that you don't just wait for someone to tell you to do something. You think ahead and work strategically.

This means:

___ If you know there will be exams (and there are always exams or assessments) then don't wait until exam time to get your act together. Make your study notes as you go. Every time you finish a

topic make study notes for that topic and file it away at home. Better still, do your dot points for each subject each day – you'll always be up-to-date.

___ Keep improving and condensing your notes throughout the year. Worst case scenario - catch up every school holidays.

4. STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE: You want to be able to differentiate yourself from all of the other students, so think what you can do to make your work stand out from the crowd.

This means:

___ You take the time to be thorough when working on essays and assignments. This means lots of planning and brainstorming to start and then multiple drafts over a period of time for editing and proofing (it's good to give the subconscious time to process and evaluate between drafts).

___ You look for additional source material, you read widely and you do more than what is asked of you. But you ensure that in specific tasks you are focused on answering the question and providing depth to your response.

___ You make the most of any feedback you are given (either along the way or after the task) to make adjustments to your approach to your work to improve your outcomes.

5. STUDY SMART: Many students are incredibly ineffective in the way they study. They just stare into their books hoping what they need to learn will magically jump into their heads. If you aren't doing it yet, then it is time to study smart.

This means:

___ You test yourself over and over on the material you need to be able to recall in exams. You don't just read it and hope you will be able to remember it.

___ You then check for understanding, are you able to apply the information you have in your head to different types of questions? To do this you do as many practice questions and past examination papers as you can. You get hold of as many different questions as possible to do as practise.

___ You do these past papers under examination conditions! This means that you stick to the time limits and don't look at notes or answers until the end. This gives you a reality check about your performance and helps you rehearse for the time pressure of exams. You use these practice papers as a tool to help you pinpoint areas of weakness that you then address.

You can learn more about how to be a more effective student at www.studyskillshandbook.com.au by logging in with the details below and working through some of the units:

Username: Danebank

Password: watermelon17

