

24th March, 2017

Dates for your diary

Sydney Design School Information Session 29th March at 6 pm, Level 2, 40 Oxley Street, St Leonards. The session lasts approximately 40 minutes. For further details: Bella Taylor – 9437 1902. The session will be repeated on 21st April.

AIE will hold an Industry Experience Day on 19th April from 10 am – 3 pm at the Wentworth Park Sports Complex, Wattle Street, Ultimo. The Academy of Interactive Entertainment offers 3D animation, game design and visual FX educator and is a non-profit organisation to grow the creative digital sector. Students will learn about the industry and different entry pathways, what should be in a portfolio and gain practical workshop experience. <http://www.afe.edu.au/ied> to register.

JMC is holding an Open Day on Saturday, 29th April, from 9.30 am – 2.30 pm at 561 Harris Street, Ultimo. This will be an opportunity to find out about their courses in Music, Audio, Animation, Game Design, Film and Television, Digital Design and Entertainment Business Management; view student work; listen to bands; view student films and see live audio and film production in action.

UTS will hold their Bachelor of Accounting Information Evening on Tuesday, 16th May. This course is only open to students who successfully obtain a Bachelor of Accounting Co-op Scholarship. If interested please ensure you register at www.bachelorofaccounting.com. For more information you can email carin.alberts@uts.edu.au.

A list of Open Days is attached for the institutions which will have entries in the 2018-19 UAC Handbook. The list includes all the public universities in NSW and ACT plus other tertiary institutions. Open Days for the universities and colleges not included in the UAC Handbook will be advertised separately, eg JMC above.

University early entry programs

ACU's Early Achievers' Program applications open on Wednesday, 26th April and close on Monday, 17th July. Offers will be made by the end of August, 2017. For further information on the EAP see the Course guide p20 and acu.edu.au/early-achievers. Students wishing to apply should start their application once the half-yearly exams are completed as you will have more time than later.

UOW's Early Admission Program will open on 1st August, with applications closing at 5 pm on 25th August. Interviews will be held between 26th and 28th September.

As part of their application, students will be required to enter their academic marks from Years 11 and 12 and will need to supply UOW with certified copies of these marks. As soon as the half-yearly report is received students intending to apply need to make two copies of their two Year 11 reports and their Semester 1 Year 12 report and give these to me, with the original, for JP verification.

As well as meeting academic criteria, students will be asked to include a brief CV to demonstrate their extra-curricular activities. There will be five sections that you may want to start thinking about now:

- Extra-curricular activities
- Work experience
- Leadership experience
- Volunteer experience
- Special awards

If you are intending to apply for this program you should be starting to think now about what you can use to promote your case.

The University of Notre Dame's Early Entry Program will open very soon. As well as meeting the required academic results, students will be assessed in one, or both, of two categories

- Academic excellence: several results around 85, and/or
- Community involvement: results in 70s plus cultural, sport, volunteer activities etc

Applications close on Friday, 28th July.

Year 12 students are invited to register now (via the Future Students/Early Offer link) to receive the Early Offer information and application either by email and/or mail.

Cadetships

The Business Cadetships Program run by **Professional Cadetships Australia** opened on 6th March and will close on 10th May. Year 12 students apply online at www.businesscadetships.com.au. See the website for further details.

Cadetship opportunities for future teachers

Under this scheme students can work part-time in a school while studying and graduate with a permanent teaching position with a cadetship with the NSW Department of Education. Students can sign up for an 'alert me' to be notified when applications open in May. To sign up please go to the website <https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/getpaidtostudy/cadetships>.

Scholarships

Remember that the applications for the Tuckwell Scholarships at ANU close at 3 pm on 27th March. Students who intend applying should have their application close to completed by now.

Also see the entry under **Dates for your diary** regarding UTS Accounting scholarships.

Courses

For STEM students – an extra 200 places are available at NYSF 2018. Applications for National Youth Science Forum 2018 opened for Year 11 students on 1st March and close on 31st May. Applicants should be passionate about science/technology and interested in learning about study and career options in a wide range of STEM fields. Up to 600 places are available in 2018 in this program, which runs in January before Year 12. Further information: www.nysf.edu.au.

AUSTSWIM is holding courses on 1st April at Starting Blocks Swim School at Miranda and at the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre at Enmore on 8th April, costing \$412. These are for an AUSTSWIM Teacher Licence, the industry standard for swimming and water safety teachers. Courses run over two days from 8.30 am – 5.30 pm. Participants must be 16 years of age and have a reasonable level of fitness and swimming ability. If you have any questions please contact AUSTSWIM NSW on 1300 885 666 or 9894 2077, or by email: nsw@austswim.com.au.

William Angliss Institute Sydney is holding complimentary workshops in the fields of coffee, cookery, patisserie, travel/events/hospitality management on 11th April from 10 am – 12 noon. For more information and to register contact Stacey: stacey@angliss.edu.au or call 9125 5110.

News from the universities

Torrens University visited Year 12 this week during BOND to give a presentation on their diverse range of courses. It is holding an Open Day on 29th April at its various campuses:

Health campus, 235 Pyrmont Street, Glebe – 10 am–2 pm
Business/Hospitality campus, 1 Hickson Road, TheRocks – 10 am–2 pm
Design campus, 46-52 Mountain Street, Ultimo – 12 noon-3 pm

If attending please ring the campus you are visiting to register prior to 29th April.

Bond University, Gold Coast will be hosting a series of student experience opportunities in coming weeks:

Architecture	Years 10, 11 and 12	Wednesday, 5 th May
Bond Business School	Year 12 intensive	Friday, 28 th April & Friday 12 th May
Communications & Digital Media	Years 10, 11 and 12	Thursday, 18 th May
International Relations	Years 10, 11 and 12	Thursday, 25 th May
Film & TV	Years 10, 11 and 12	Monday, 29 th May
Business & Hotel Tourism Mgmt	Years 11 and 12	Tuesday, 6 th June
Actuarial Studies & Commerce	Years 11 and 12	Wednesday, 7 th June
Careers in Sport	Years 11 and 12	Thursday, 8 th June
Health	Year 12	Saturday, 17 th August
Environments, Planning & Urban		
Design	Years 10, 11 and 12	Thursday, 22 nd June
Psychology	Years 10, 11 and 12	Thursday, 29 th June

Please register: <https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/see-yourself/experience-days> if you wish to attend. Registrations fill quickly.

Bond is also offering an Open Day Student Experience on 22nd July and if registered satisfactorily they will cover accommodation, transfers and some meals during the experience program. Students (plus at least one parent/guardian) cover their return flights/transport to the Gold Coast.

To register your interest: <https://bond.edu.au/open-day>.

UTS

The University's new Bachelor of Technology & Innovation required an ATAR of 84 for entry. This degree prepares students interested in the imaginative development and novel application of technology for a range of roles in creative, management and different technical fields. The bonus: there are no exams. Possible career roles could include: technology fusionist; digital experience curator; intelligent system designer; technology policy advisor; innovation change manager; augmented reality designer; social entrepreneur. However, graduates might also enter jobs with titles that don't exist yet, or define their own titles.

Another new course is Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Software/Diploma of Professional Engineering Practice. This is a 5 year course, for which the ATAR was 85. The projected career is software engineer, with salary expectations as a junior engineer being \$60 000 - \$70 000.

A similar degree specialising in Data Engineering required an ATAR of 87.35, there are high salary expectations and possible opportunities to work overseas.

A new strand for 2018 will be in Electronics, with an expected ATAR of approximately 87, and roles as electronics engineers in communications, mobile devices, medical, transport, defence and salary expectations of \$65 000 after 1-2 years experience.

A big demand for computing science skills is driving training for software development, research, computer science, data science etc with salary expectations, varying with the role, of \$60 000 – \$110 000. The ATAR was 80.10.

The new Bachelor of Forensic Science required an ATAR of 85.35 and an aptitude test. Possible careers include police service; state & federal enforcement agencies; government & private forensic/drug detection labs; customs; quarantine services; environmental protection agencies; pharmaceutical, chemical & analytical industries; DNA testing labs; medical diagnostic labs; scene of crime officers etc.

The new Bachelor of Biotechnology course required an ATAR of 85.40 and will meet the demand for skilled workers who are able to bridge the gap between science and business.

A new Master of Physiotherapy was launched in 2017 to produce practice-ready graduates. The course gives clinical placements of approximately 700 hours and students have an academic mentor. The course meets the requirements for registration as a physiotherapist in Australia. 15% of entrants came from a UTS undergraduate pathway degree, with entry requiring a bachelor degree recognised by UTS in Health Science, Sport and Exercise Science, Exercise Management or equivalent.

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The Watermelon Page

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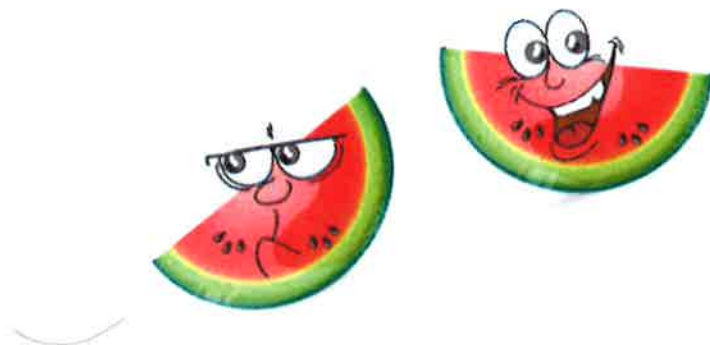
Hints for students considering university or college as their after-school destination

1. It is important that at this stage you keep an open mind on where you will study eventually. Factors which will impact on your choice will be:
 - Getting the ATAR required for entry to a particular course
 - Convenience of access to the course – can you travel there daily or will you need to live away from home
 - Finding the university, to which you can gain access, which meets your future career goals and provides help in achieving this.
2. Do not be too hasty in making decisions about where you will study. Visit **all** the universities which offer the course you are seeking. Check on the current ATAR, as an indication of the ones to which you are likely to gain access. When you go to the open days talk to lecturers and students about the course. Ask students' opinions of how well the course is taught, opportunities for internships during the course etc.
3. Look at the Australian Government site, Quality Indicators for Teaching and Learning: <https://www.qilt.edu.au> and confirm **all** the universities/colleges which offer the course(s) which interest you.

A list of Open Days for UAC universities in NSW and ACT is attached.

For access to study skills information go to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au by logging in with the details below.

Username: Danebank School for Girls
Password: watermelon17



Open days 2017



Australasian College of Natural Therapies
acnt.edu.au
Pymont 29 April, 12 August

Australian Catholic University
acu.edu.au
Canberra 26 August
North Sydney 2 September
Strathfield 9 September

Australian College of Applied Psychology
acap.edu.au
Sydney 23 August

Australian Maritime College
amc.edu.au
Beauty Point and Newnham 13 August
to be confirmed, visit our website

Australian National University
anu.edu.au
Canberra 26 August

Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University
billyblue.edu.au
Ultimo 29 April, 12 August

Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School at Torrens University
bluemountains.edu.au
Leura 2 September

Charles Sturt University
futurestudents.csu.edu.au
Albury-Wodonga InfoDay 22 August
Sydney InfoDay 26 August
Wagga InfoDay 29 August
Bathurst InfoDay 31 August

CQUniversity
cqu.edu.au/openday
Sydney 6 September
Open Day Online Chat 2, 16 & 30 August
available 3-6pm 13 September

Griffith University
griffith.edu.au
Southbank, Nathan and Gold Coast 23 July

International College of Management, Sydney
icms.edu.au
Manly 6 August

Jansen Newman Institute
jni.edu.au
Pymont 29 April, 12 August

La Trobe University
latrobe.edu.au
Shepparton 4 August
Melbourne 6 August
Albury-Wodonga 12 August
Mildura 16 August
Bendigo 27 August
Sydney email sydney@latrobe.edu.au
for an individual appointment

Macleay College
macleay.edu.au
Surry Hills 19 August

Macquarie University
mq.edu.au
North Ryde 19 August

Media Design School at Torrens University
mediadesignschool.tua.edu.au
Ultimo 12 August

MIT Sydney
mit.edu.au
For campus tours/appointments and course information call (02) 8267 1400 or visit the website.

National Art School
nas.edu.au
Darlinghurst 2 September

SAE Creative Media Institute
sae.edu.au
Sydney and Byron Bay 5 August

SIBT
sibt.nsw.edu.au
For campus tours call (02) 9964 6555 or visit the website.

Southern Cross University
scu.edu.au
Cofts Harbour 4 December
Lismore 5 December
Gold Coast 7 December
The Hotel School Sydney to be confirmed
hotelschool.scu.edu.au

TOP Education Institute
top.edu.au
Sydney 23 August

Torrens University Australia
torrens.edu.au
The Rocks 29 April, 12 August

University of Canberra
canberra.edu.au
Bruce 26 August

University of New England
une.edu.au
Armidale 5 May

University of Newcastle
newcastle.edu.au
Port Macquarie 3 August
Central Coast (Ourimbah) 12 August
Newcastle (Callaghan) 19 August

University of Sydney
sydney.edu.au
All campuses 26 August

University of Technology Sydney
uts.edu.au
City 26 August

University of Wollongong
uow.edu.au
Wollongong 19 August

UNSW Sydney
unsw.edu.au
UNSW Canberra 26 August
UNSW Sydney 2 September

Western Sydney University
westernsydney.edu.au
Parramatta 27 August

William Blue College of Hospitality Management
williamblue.edu.au
The Rocks 29 April, 12 August