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News from ACU

ACU has announced that as from 2018 both the Bachelor of Business Administration and the Bachelor of Commerce will be available at their **Strathfield campus**. The study areas available include:

- ✦ Accounting and finance
- ✦ Business administration – design your own degree in your areas of interest
- ✦ Event management
- ✦ Human resource management
- ✦ Information technology
- ✦ Management
- ✦ Marketing

Also of interest: In the recent Academic Ranking of World Universities ACU was ranked first in NSW and 40th in the world for Special Focus Institution Ranking of Sport Science Schools and Departments in 2017.

ACU's Bachelor of Education (Primary) now offers students the opportunity to complete their third year placement in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu or remote and indigenous communities, with scholarships available to help with the financial side.

Information Sessions

- 8th November 6 pm **Ultimo TAFE** College to hear about a new degree – Bachelor of Applied Commerce, in Building F, 1st floor, room F1.20. The session will be repeated on 15th November at 6 pm in Building G, 1st floor, room G1.16. For further course details go to: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/courses/tafe-nsw-degrees/choose-a-degree/applied-commerce>
- 12th November 11 am St Patrick's Institute of Education information session, Level 1, 65 York Street, Sydney, call 0407 278 164 or visit <http://www.spie.edu.au> for more information.
- 15th November 6 pm **JMC Academy** Scholarship information session, 561 Harris Street, Ultimo.
- 18th November 10 am - **AIE Open Day** to explain their courses in game development, 3D animation and 3 pm visual effects. Go to <http://www.aie.edu.au/open> for more information.

HSC Seminars

Free seminars for parents and students, **Ace the HSC**, will be held on Sunday, 5th November, 10 am – 12.30pm at UTS and repeated on Sunday, 12th November at Macquarie University. Topics include: Stress-Free HSC, HSC English presentation, exam/study strategies and parent information. Places are limited so early registration is essential: <https://hscintheholidays.com.au>.

tsfx will hold their **Mastering the HSC** event on Sunday, 12th November at the University of Sydney and on Saturday, 18th November at the University of NSW. The workshops include Advanced Time Management Skills; English Advanced Y& Standard Area of Study (Discovery); Excelling in Tests and Examinations; Playing the ATAR Game, as well as a choice of lectures on Biology; Chemistry: Economics; Writing Reports for Biology and Chemistry; General Maths; Mathematics; Maths Extension1; Business Studies; The Psychology of Success and the UMAT. These workshops are free with a minimum donation of \$10 to The Fred Hollows Foundation each day of the lectures. I have copies of the brochure in the Careers reference area or see online at: www.tsfx.com.au/mhsc.

Holiday Activities

Tuesdays, 12th December and 16th January, 10 am – 12 noon, **William Angliss Institute Sydney** will be hosting free hands-on Trial a Trade events for those interested in commercial cookery; patisserie; events and hospitality; or Barista coffee training. Book a spot at: <https://www.angliss.edu.au/register-for-trial-a-trade>.

Whitehouse Institute of Design is now accepting registrations for their 5 day 2018 January Summer Workshops in Fashion Illustration; Image Styling; and Sewing; Interiors Illustration. To sign up telephone 1300 551 433 or email enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au.

Scholarships

Cookery, Patisserie, Hospitality and Events scholarships are available via the William Angliss Institute Foundation to support students in these sectors. Applications for 2018 scholarships close on 9th November. See the website <https://www.angliss.edu.au/future-students/scholarship-information> for details on applying.

Torrens University is accepting scholarship applications for hospitality, business, design and health for 2018 entry to Billy Blue College of Design, Media Design School, APM, William Blue College of Hospitality Management, and Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School. Information is available at <http://www.torrens.edu.au/apply-online/scholarships>.

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Rolling Over into Years 11 and 12

Each year at this time staff find a group of students with mixed feelings about becoming Year 12s, and many students who find that Year 12 appears to have arrived with a rush before they feel ready for it.

When the current HSC was first launched it was divided into the Preliminary Year and the HSC Year and results of assessment tasks from both years were accumulated to compose the 50% assessment portion of the HSC results. Subsequently it was decided to exclude the Preliminary Year assessment marks from the calculation, to relieve some pressure from students and allow them to settle into senior studies, although the tasks were still undertaken. The Preliminary Year is still regarded as being a year of preparation for the HSC Year, when students should gain the skills and knowledge which will underpin their last year of schooling, while practising the study habits which will make Year 12 a successful year.

The result of excluding Year 11 assessment marks from the HSC calculations has been that a proportion of students enter Year 12 without having devoted sufficient time and effort to the preparation process, and sometimes Year 11 end of year results unfortunately reflect this. This has two outcomes:

1. Some students are 'under-cooked' for Year 12, without a sufficiently deep background in the areas they are going to study in their HSC year, and
2. They have produced a batch of results which will not show them in the best of lights if they are going to submit Early Entry applications in mid Year 12.

What is the take-away message from this?

For Year 10 going into 11

- ✦ Treat Year 11 seriously, using it as a preparation for Year 12.
- ✦ If you haven't already developed good study habits start to do so now, so that you have a good system in place before you reach Year 12
- ✦ When you get home each day, spend 5 minutes to plan what you are going to achieve study-wise that evening.
- ✦ Start a system where you spend 20-30 minutes each night doing the dot points in cumulative summaries so that you are never playing catch-up and so that you are actively revising as you work on your summaries close to the point of learning
- ✦ Get your homework done daily
- ✦ Spend some time each day doing 15-20 minutes work on one of your subjects (work through your list of subjects as a cycle, then start again)

For Year 11 into 12

- ✦ If your yearly results are better than the half yearly ones, congratulations! If not, you'll be able to see the need to improve your marks.

- ✦ Be aware that your Year 11 year-end marks will form part of any application for Early Entry. If these marks were not too good, you'll really need to work consistently on improving your Year 12 half-yearly results, which will also be considered by the universities.
- ✦ If you need help with study skills ask for it early.
- ✦ Remember to use the English and Maths Study Halls when you need them.
- ✦ Work out what course you want to do after school and find out the ATAR you need – this will give you a goal for which you can aim.
- ✦ Make sure you retain some physical activity during Year 12.
- ✦ Keep a list of the extra activities you do in and out of school – you will need these for early entry and scholarship applications.
- ✦ But also take the time to enjoy your last year at school.

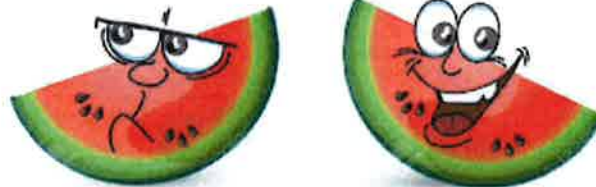
If you want to do some further learning which will improve your results, try some of these units from the ELES site:

Organisation and filing
Time management skills
Managing workload
Summarising
Active studying

You can access from the ELES site with

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