

26<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

## Dates for your diary

**Defence Forces** will hold an information session in Wollongong on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June from 6.00 pm at their Recruiting Centre, Level 2, 96 Crown Street. The session will present the career opportunities, lifestyle and pathways to join the ADF. RSVP: [CPTWollongong@dfr.com.au](mailto:CPTWollongong@dfr.com.au).

**The University of Canberra** is holding a Health Open Day on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. This will cover their courses in

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Counselling       | Occupational Therapy     |
| Nutrition         | Pharmacy                 |
| Medical Radiation | Physiotherapy            |
| Nursing           | Psychology               |
| Public Health     | Sport & Exercise Science |

For any further details please email: [healthstudentliaison@canberra.edu.au](mailto:healthstudentliaison@canberra.edu.au).

**St Patrick's Institute of Education** will hold an information session on 11<sup>th</sup> June at 11 am at their premises at Level 1, 65 York Street, Sydney to present information about their Diploma of Marketing & Communication; Leadership & Management and Diplomas of Business or Business Administration.

**The University of Sydney** will hold their scholarships information evening on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June from 6.00 – 8.00 pm at the Darlington campus. If you wish to attend please register at: [sydney.edu.au/scholarships-info-evening](http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships-info-evening).

**Defence Force Recruiting** will hold an Army Reserve Information Session on 20<sup>th</sup> June, from 6.00 pm at their Wollongong Recruiting Centre (address and RSVP details above). This is an opportunity for school leavers to be involved in part-time paid work while undertaking tertiary study.

**The University of Wollongong** is holding an information evening on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, at 6.30 pm in the Mahogany Room at St George Leagues Club. Information will be available on UOW courses; Early Admission Program and UAC Admission; Scholarships; Travelling or moving to Wollongong; UOW South-Western campus at Liverpool; key dates for 2017. To register for the evening please call 1300 367 869 or visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/events](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/events).

The **Western Sydney Careers Expo** will be held at The Dome, Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 9 am – 3 pm and Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June from 10 am – 3 pm.

**UNSW Art and Design** are holding a student/parent information evening at their Paddington campus, Cnr Oxford Street and Greens Road on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, from 6 – 8 pm to explain courses and careers for practising artist, designer, media creator, technologist, animator, filmmaker or curator. For more information and to register please go to <http://bit.ly/2pMiPbT>.

## Scholarships

**Lang+Simmons** are offering three scholarships for Year 12 students who wish to enter the real estate industry next year. If you are interested please see me for details of the application process. Applications are now open and will close on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**Co-op Program Scholarships at UNSW** are now open for applications, with a closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> September. Be aware that you need to register online to start the process and it will take you quite some time to complete, so you should start now. Applications for UNSWs other scholarships will open online during June, with closing dates listed on the UNSW Scholarships website. There will be a scholarships information evening on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## Cadetships

**Pitcher Partners** are offering cadetships to students who are completing Year 12 and planning to study a degree with an accounting major. Applications for the 2018 cadet intake are now open and will close on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Please visit <http://www.pitcher.com.au> for further information.

This is a reminder that the applications for the **Technology cadetships through Professional Cadetships Australia** close on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June.

## Early Offer Programs

Year 12 students need to be watching the application dates for these programs. Having one of these offers before the start of the HSC takes pressure off students in the HSC, so it is very worthwhile spending the time to apply early for courses at the universities involved.

Applications are now open for:

**Australian Catholic University** – apply on the basis of your commitment to volunteer work with school, community or faith-based organisations. Applications are open now and close on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**University of Notre Dame** – apply under one of two categories: 1. Academic Achievement or Co-Curricular Achievement and Leadership. Applications are now open and the closing date is 21<sup>st</sup> July this year. Applications can be submitted electronically, mailed or hand delivered.

## References

Many Year 12 students will require references for early entry and scholarship applications. Now is the time to be approaching people you would like to use as referees to obtain their agreement and, where necessary, to ask them to start working on a written reference for you. If someone is going to write a reference for you, you need to give them adequate time to think about what they will write.

## Careers in the Financial Services Industry

This sector of the industry employs over 440 000 people in Australia and is expected to grow by 8.5% over the next 5 years.

Careers in banking and financial services range from customer service banking and sales positions, financial advisers and analyst positions. They typically work in commercial banks, mortgage companies, savings and loan establishments and credit unions. Government agencies and companies also require financial services professionals to manage their portfolios and also to audit and regulate other institutions.

Skills and personality required in this industry include:

- Ability to comprehend large amounts of information
- Ability to work for long periods of time in an office or customer service environment
- Able to interpret financial information and market circumstances and make sound judgements
- Highly organised to maintain customer/client portfolios and needs
- Knowledge and adherence to regulations and procedures affecting banking and financial services
- Problem solving abilities when dealing with funds
- Strong analytical skills to understand financial figures and foresee future trends and advise clients on best options
- Strong communication skills to work well with clients and present situation and option, in a clear and cohesive manner
- Strong mathematical capabilities
- Thorough attention to detail and numbers

## Year 10 Subject Choice

I have purchased a copy of the UAC University Entry Requirements 2020 booklet for all mainstream Year 10 students. Students are to go to the Junior Library as soon as the bell rings for recess on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May to receive their booklet. This will give students and their parents time to work through the booklet before the subject choice evening on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June.

# Attachments

## Attachment A

**UAC's Top 100 tips for Year 10 choosing their HSC courses.** This is also very useful for Years 11 and 12.

## Attachment B

**UAC Changes for 2018 admissions.** This document sets out the timetable for application closing dates and dates for release of offers. Note that most offers will be made in the round to be released on 21<sup>st</sup> December. It is likely that few offers will be made in the January rounds.

## Attachment C

**UAC list of Open Days for 2017.** Students should start visiting tertiary institutions when in Years 9 or 10 to begin getting the "feel" of the different universities and to start collecting ideas for after school. Those in Years 11 and 12 will be starting to narrow down their university choices and may need to visit, or re-visit, to get current information and answers to their questions.

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Careers Counsellor

# Tips for Year 10s choosing their HSC courses

01 

*Choose what you're good at*, interested in and which will lay a foundation for your future plans.

02 

Choose HSC courses best *suited to your ability*. *Don't choose courses just because of scaling* or because you think they will give you a better ATAR.

03 

*Make the link* between your choice now and where you want to go after Year 12.

04 

*Check if the uni you want to go to* (and/or the course you want to do) has prerequisites and assumed knowledge – the UAC Year 10 booklet has all this info.

05 

*If you want to get an ATAR*, make sure you will be eligible.

06 

*Depending on what you study*, marks around 70 in the HSC could lead to an ATAR in the 50s, while marks closer to 80 could lead to an ATAR of 80. This is because most students have marks between 70 and 80 so when you are ranked that group really spreads out.

07 

If you are getting marks in the 70s *do whatever you can to get closer to 80* – it will make a big difference to your ATAR.

08 

Remember that *unis award bonus points for your performance* in particular HSC courses, and usually for Bands 4 and above.

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If you're not sure what level maths and English to take, *choose the level that suits your ability and future plans*. You will not necessarily get a higher ATAR just by studying a lower level course, and unis don't always give bonus points for the lower level courses, no matter how well you do. Also check prerequisites in case you need to get a certain performance band.

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*To maximise your ATAR you have to make good choices* about what to study, work to the best of your ability and work towards your goals for life after school.



# Changes for 2018 admissions



## THERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 2018 ADMISSIONS THROUGH UAC:

### *The number of course preferences is being reduced from 9 to 5*

Offers were rarely made to preferences 6 to 9 in the old system and applicants can change their preferences as many times as they wish, so it's up to 5 preferences per offer round.

### *There will be an offer round after ATAR release and before Christmas*

This is so that ATAR-based offers can be made to Year 12 students earlier than January.

### *The early January round and the mid-January round will be combined into one round in the second week of January*

This is so that more offers can be made earlier in January.

### *There will be no "Main Round"*

As more offers will now be made in December, there will no longer be the concept of a January Main Round. We expect most offers will be made in December and January.

All offer rounds will be named using the convention of month and sequence (eg December Round 2, January Round 1 etc.).

### *There will be no restrictions on making offers in the early offer rounds*

All offer rounds will be treated equally. Offers can be made to the highest eligible preference to any applicant in any round. In addition, there are more offer rounds across the cycle.

### *The SRS offer round will be in November*

Offers to Year 12 students based on Schools Recommendation Schemes applications will be earlier than December. (The November SRS Round is still to be confirmed.)

These changes simplify the process for applicants and institutions, allowing offers to be made earlier in the cycle and still giving applicants plenty of choice.

## KEY DATES FOR 2018 ADMISSIONS

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 2 August 2017     | applications open                                      |
| 31 August 2017    | August Round 1 offers released                         |
| 14 September 2017 | September Round 1 offers released                      |
| 28 September 2017 | September Round 2 offers released                      |
| 29 September 2017 | on-time closing date for applications                  |
| 12 October 2017   | October Round 1 offers released                        |
| 26 October 2017   | October Round 2 offers released                        |
| 16 November 2017  | November Round 1 offers released                       |
| 23 November 2017  | November Round 2 offers released                       |
| 7 December 2017   | December Round 1 offers released                       |
| 15 December 2017  | ATARs released   |
| 17 December 2017  | change of preference closing date for December Round 2 |
| 21 December 2017  | December Round 2 offers released                       |
| 3 January 2018    | change of preference closing date for January Round 1  |
| 12 January 2018   | January Round 1 offers released                        |
| 24 January 2018   | change of preference closing date for January Round 2  |
| 31 January 2018   | January Round 2 offers released                        |
| 8 February 2018   | February Round 1 offers released                       |
| 15 February 2018  | February Round 2 offers released                       |



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# Open days 2017



## 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, 22 November

## Australian Maritime College

amc.edu.au  
 Newnham 12 August

## Australian National University

anu.edu.au  
 Canberra 26 August

## Charles Sturt University

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

## CQUniversity

cqu.edu.au/openday  
 Sydney 6 September  
 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

## 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](mailto: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

## 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  
 Coffs Harbour 4 December  
 Lismore 5 December  
 Gold Coast 7 December

## TOP Education Institute

top.edu.au  
 Sydney 23 August

## Torrens University Australia

torrens.edu.au  
 The Rocks 29 April, 12 August  
 Billy Blue College of Design (Ultimo) 29 April, 12 August  
 Media Design School (Ultimo) 12 August  
 Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School (Leura) 2 September  
 William Blue College of Hospitality Management (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