

27th July, 2018

Open Days

Most of the tertiary institutions hold Open Days/Evenings at this time of year to help students get to know the institution and to get information about courses. It is useful for students to start attending these events in Year 9 (say 1), choose 2 for Year 10, another 2 or 3 for Year 11, and in Year 12 go back to those on their provisional list to check-up on final details.

A full list of UAC-based institution Open Days is available at:

<https://www.uac.edu.au/assets/documents/schools/uni-open-days-2018.pdf>.

Those which will be held in the next month are:

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| 28th July | Bond Open Day Live from 2 pm – 6 pm, see https://bond.edu.au/news/57488/bond-university-live-stream-open-day and register online. |
| 28 th July | AIT Open Day 10 am – 3 pm, Level 2, 7 Kelly Street, Ultimo |
| 28 th July | Southern Cross University, Lismore campus |
| 29 th July | Southern Cross University, Gold Coast campus |
| 1 st August | ACAP Information Session 6 pm, Level 12, 255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney |
| 3 rd August | Top Education Day, 2 pm – 5 pm, Biomedical Building, Australian Technology Park |
| 4 th August | Torrens University Open Day, including William Blue College of Hospitality, Billy Blue College of Design, http://www.torrens.edu.au/about/open-day |
| 5 th August | SAE Sydney Campus Open Day, 10 am – 2 pm, 39 Regent Street, Chippendale |
| 11 th August | University of Wollongong , main campus, http://openday.uow.edu.au |
| 11 th August | JMC Academy Open Day, 561 Harris Street, Ultimo |
| 11 th August | Australian Maritime College, Launceston Open Day |
| 11 th August | Macleay College, Surry Hills Open Day |
| 12 th August | Griffith University, Gold Coast Open Day |
| 12 th August | ICMS, Manly Open Day 10 am – 2 pm |
| 16 th August | University of Newcastle, Ourimbah campus Open Day |
| 18 th August | Macquarie University Open Day, 10 am – 4 pm, openday.mq.edu.au |

- 18th August **The Hotel School** Open Day
 19th August **AIE** Open Day, 10 am – 3 pm, Level 2, Wentworth Park Grandstand, Wattle Street, Ultimo
 19th August **Western Sydney University, Parramatta campus** Open Day, westernsydney.edu.au/openday
 23rd August **CQ University** Open Day, 5 – 8 pm, 400 Kent Street, Sydney
 25th August **University of Notre Dame** Open Day, 9 am – 3 pm, 140 Broadway, Chippendale
 25th August **University of Technology Sydney** Open Day
 25th August **University of Sydney** Open Day, all campuses
 25th August **Australian Catholic University, Canberra** Open Day
 25th August **Australian National University Canberra** Open Day
 25th August **University of Canberra** Open Day
 25th August **University of New South Wales, ADFA, Canberra** Open Day
 25th August **University of Newcastle, Callaghan and Newcastle City campuses**
 25th August **TAFE NSW, Ultimo campus** Open Day, 9 am – 4 pm
 30th August **SIBT, Sydney** Open Day
 30th August **LaTrobe University** Open Day, 255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

The Watermelon Page, attached to the Careers Bulletin of 18th May, gave tips on how to plan and run visits to Open Days.

Studying Overseas

Ascham School is hosting a visit from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions of NYU on Wednesday, 8th August (6 pm for a 6.30 pm start). The speaker will talk about NYU, the Common USC Common Application process, recommendations and how to write the personal essay. This event is open to Year 10 to 12 students and their parents. Please register to attend at www.trybooking.com/394568.

Ascham is located at 188 New South Head Road, Edgecliff directly across from Edgecliff train Station and Edgecliff Shopping Centre (2 hours free parking). There is no onsite parking available. Any enquiries to Gillian.sloan@ascham.nsw.edu.au.

Students in Year 10 and 11 who are considering USA university applications are invited to sit the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) as an opportunity to practice the SAT under exam conditions at Ascham School. The test results will provide valuable feedback on strengths and weaknesses. The test will take place on 13th October, the last Saturday of the spring school holidays. The test will run from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm. Places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/388659>. Registrations close on 13th August, or when capacity is reached.

Early Entry

Applications for early entry to the **University of Wollongong** open on 1st August and close on 24th August. Remember to read the admission criteria for the degree you are interested in before starting

your application: <https://www.uow.edu.au/early-admission/index.html>.

Aspire - the Early Admission Program for **La Trobe University** is also open now. For further details go to <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire>. Note that this program is based predominantly on your community engagement experience, relating to involvement and impact.

Raffles College of Design is offering entry prior to receipt of ATARs. Contact: 9633 3800.

New Majors

From 2019 **MIT Sydney** will be offering new courses: Bachelor of Networking – Major in Cyber Security and Bachelor of Business – Major in Digital Marketing. For further information please contact Bridget – bspinks@mit.edu.au.

The Entertainment Industry

Canberra Academy of Dramatic Art offers:

- Certificate IV in Acting for Stage and Screen – six months full time
- Certificate IV in Musical Theatre – six months intensive course in singing, dance and acting, including a trip to London's West End
- Advanced Diploma of Performance – two year course to work across stage, screen, radio and other media
- Advanced Diploma of Creative Product Development majoring in either directing or Scriptwriting

New York Film Academy, Australia offers hands-on education in the area of visual and performing arts, with a focus on filmmaking, acting for film, screenwriting and 3D animation and VFX. Courses available are:

- Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media
- Diploma of Screen and Media

The University of Melbourne

The University has launched a new Graduate Degree Package initiative for high-achieving students who are confident about the study pathway they wish to follow. They are now offering a set of undergraduate and postgraduate combinations which include:

- Bachelor of Science/Master of Engineering
- Bachelor of Design/Master of Architecture
- Bachelor of Arts/Juris Doctor

Bachelor of Science/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching (Secondary)

Application is through VTAC and further information is available at
<https://unimelb.edu.au/graduatepathways>.

Scholarships

Le Cordon Bleu is offering \$30 000 for study in one of their Bachelor of Business programs in International Hotel Management or International Restaurant Management. Their next Open Day in Sydney will be on 18th August from 10 am – 2 pm at Ryde College Building A, 250 Blaxland Road, Ryde.

Student Exchange

WEP is holding an information session about their exchange program on 16th August in the Stanton Library, 234 Miller Street, North Sydney from 7 – 8.30 pm: wep.org.au.

Studying Medicine at WSU

From 2019 WSU's five-year medical course will change from an MBBS to a Doctor of Medicine (MD). The MD, a professional Masters qualification, will better recognise the amount and complexity of learning in medicine and at the same time boost research opportunities. One key difference between an MBBS and MD is the need to complete an independent project exploring any aspect of medical professional practice, including community service, education and clinical quality improvement, as well as research.

The MD will remain a five-year school leaver entry program and students will continue to learn from patients from their first weeks, with three years in clinical and community placements where students are expected to be members of the team. The admission advantage for applicants from western Sydney and rural areas will not change.

Changes will include:

- Re-sequenced and more clinically relevant evidence-based practice and research skills, starting in Year 1.
- A professional portfolio of achievements from Year 1 to Year 5 to demonstrate readiness for graduate practice and evolving career interests.
- An in-depth professional project, focused on community service, education, clinical improvement and/or research.

Law at UNSW

This is a reminder that if you intend to apply for Law at UNSW you need to register before 5 pm on Friday, 10th August. As this date falls within your HSC Trials period, I recommend that if you have not already registered you do so before the end of this weekend so that you don't have this as a distractor during your Trials. The LAT test date is Tuesday, 25th September, 2018.

UOW Global Leaders Development Program

This morning I attended a breakfast launch of an exciting opportunity for school leaders to take part in UOW's global leaders development program in 2019. The program is based on these degrees:

- Bachelor of Commerce Global (Honours) for majors in accountancy or finance;
- Bachelor of Computer Science Global (Honours) for majors in big data; cyber security; digital systems security; game and mobile development; or software engineering
- Bachelor of Commerce Global/Bachelor of Laws for majors in accountancy; economics; finance; financial planning; human resource management; international business; management; marketing; public relations, or supply chain management

Each degree includes three trimesters in second year, with overseas placement for a semester at each of UOW Hong Kong; Singapore Institute of Management or PSB Academy, and UOW Dubai. The university supplies travel costs and accommodation and each student receives a total of \$18 000 in industry-sponsored travel grants from the multiple internships they undertake during their course.

In addition students will receive academic mentorship both in Australia and when overseas and unique professional development skills at a series of events integrated into the degree.

Entry to these courses requires an ATAR of 95. It goes without saying that applicants will have taken up extended and outstanding leadership opportunities over Year 11 and 12. Application is via normal UAC entry but this course is also available as an early admission course (opening 1st August).

It is anticipated that the intake over the three courses for next year will be 30 – 40 students. This is very competitive but if you think this is the course for you I suggest you apply for early entry to test the waters.

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The Watermelon Page

The ELES Study Skills Handbook

Sometimes students think that 'study skills' is just something you need to be concerned with when you are at school. This is not the case at all. For example, most jobs will require learning and training, certification and assessment. Planning, managing workload and good time management skills are skills which are needed for our whole life.

One of the ways our schools supports the development of independent learning skills is through providing access to the online study skills handbook site: www.studyskillshandbook.com.au. Parents should encourage their students to sign up for the tracking system in the handbook so they can easily keep track of the units they have completed. It is a good idea for students to choose different units to work on over time (maybe try a new unit each month) so that they can develop their understanding of these important skills and reflect on the areas they need to work on. This specialist resource complements the skill development which takes place in our classrooms and in Learning+ lessons.

The focus of today's skills tip is taken from the unit which looks at the reflection process after a test is returned to students. One of the concepts outlined in this unit is that of 'kaizen'. The word kaizen is derived from two different Japanese words: 'kai' and 'zen'. Kai, meaning to change or modify and zen, meaning to improve. Small constant changes/improvements can make a huge difference to students' results. Only by reflecting on the way they learn and making changes can students improve the way they approach their work for school. The study skills handbook is a great tool to assist in this process.

Another use for the study skills handbook is when a student is having some difficulty in a particular area, for example with making summaries or studying for a test or assessment.

Our school's subscription details to this online study skills website for high school students are:

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