EARLY OFFER PROGRAMS - An Overview


Please see the Brochure attached: Smart and Skilled Fact Sheet for School Leavers.

There are a number of early offer programs that are available for Yr 12 students who are planning to apply to a University for 2016. While the information for 2016 is not yet available for most of these, it is a good idea for students to become familiar with these now in preparation. These are outlined below:

Please note: Some of the information is last year’s as the program information has not been published yet for this year. There may be some changes. You will be provided with the updated information as it becomes available but you can also visit the relevant websites.

1. Sydney Uni Early Offer Year 12 (E12) Scheme (Yet to be updated for 2015)

   In 2014 the E12 Scheme was offered through University of Sydney. Information on the program for 2015 students will be communicated when it is available. The information below is as for last year.

   Who is eligible to apply for entry through the E12 scheme?

   E12 is for domestic NSW HSC students who are from a financially disadvantaged background and/or are attending a government identified 'low socioeconomic' high school, see E12 eligibility criteria. For last year’s info, and as it is updated, go to: [http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/domestic/undergraduate/e12/](http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/domestic/undergraduate/e12/)

2. University of Wollongong Early Admission 2015 Program


   Applications will open Monday 3 August 2015.

3. Australian Catholic University (ACU) Early Achievers Program (EAP)

   Last year ACU offered the EAP to school leavers and non-school leavers. This program considered the contribution they had made to their community through school or workplace, local community organisations, culture and/or religious groups.

   Applications last year opened in August and closed in October.

   Assuming that this program will run again this year in a similar way, it would be worth your time to have a look at the Eligibility Criteria and examples of Community involvement that were considered last year. Information about last year’s program can be found at: [http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/early_entry](http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/early_entry)

   Information should be updated as the year progresses and I will confirm the program for this year as information becomes available.
4. University of Notre Dame Sydney Campus Early Offer Program

Notre Dame’s Early Offer Program on its Sydney Campus was introduced to give secondary schools the opportunity to nominate academically strong Year 12 students who have made an outstanding contribution to school, Church and community life.

Early Offer Program assesses students for the opportunity of a place on the University’s Sydney Campus prior to completing their HSC studies.

The Early Offer Guides were available in late April last year and due in late July 2014, and assuming it will go ahead in the same way, a copy of last year’s guide is available from the Careers Office or from the website below which may give you an idea of the program before the 2016 Guide is available.

Assuming the program will run as it did last year, hard copies of the 2016 Early Offer Guide will be made available to students at the Lunchtime Careers Talk arranged in Term 2 and will be uploaded to the Notre dame website in late April.

5. Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS)

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) are one way institutions make early offers to current Australian Year 12 students who have applied for undergraduate admission through UAC.

The Universities which took part in this program last year included:
- Australian National University
- Charles Sturt University
- Macquarie University
- Southern Cross University
- University of Canberra
- University of New England
- University of Technology, Sydney.

SRS aims to facilitate access to higher education for current Australian Year 12 students who might otherwise not be offered a place.

This is only a very new program (2014) and there will be some changes made for this year. Information will be distributed as it becomes available. Further information is available on the UAC website at http://www.uac.edu.au/srs/, and this will be updated throughout the year.

Educational Access Scheme and Equity Scholarships

Year 12 students who are planning on applying to a University in 2016 through the University Admissions Centre (UAC) will have the opportunity to apply for the following 2 programs depending on the application criteria. I have included below some information regarding the Educational Access Scheme and Equity Scholarship program which are managed by the University Admissions Centre (UAC), so that you have some idea of what is available, the application criteria, documentation required, and the time frame. Information specifically for this year is not yet available on the UAC website.

1. Educational Access Scheme

The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) that has been available in the past is for students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage as a result of circumstances beyond their control or choosing. Categories of disadvantage considered in the past include:

- disrupted schooling;
- financial hardship;
- home environment;
- English language difficulty;
- personal illness/disability;
- refugee status;
- and school environment.
In the past, to be eligible for EAS consideration your educational performance must have been seriously affected, normally for a period of at least six months during Year 11 and/or 12 or equivalent, due to circumstances beyond your control and choosing. Some institutions set aside a certain number of places for eligible EAS applicants, some institutions allocated bonus points to eligible EAS applicants.

Information on EAS is found on the UAC website at http://www.uac.edu.au/eas/. Please note: Information currently on the UAC website is for 2015 University entry. Details for 2016 (that is, relevant to you) are not up yet, assuming that this will continue in a similar way for current Yr 12 students.

Assuming that the program will run in a similar way this year, I encourage students and parents/carers to check the criteria and the form that is currently on the website for last year’s Yr 12 students to give you an idea of what paperwork / documentation may be required and completed for successful applications under this scheme.

Last year the form was available in August and was due in September. You will be advised when the 2016 application, booklet and the relevant dates are available but you can also check the UAC website.

2. Equity Scholarships

Equity Scholarships assist financially disadvantaged students with the costs associated with higher education. Information regarding this is available on the UAC: http://www.uac.edu.au/equity/. The information has not been updated for this year, however, it will give you some idea of the eligibility requirements and the application requirements.

Last year, application forms were available in August. Details for this year will be made available as it becomes available. You can also check the UAC website for further / updated information. Please see Ms Gereige if you require any further information.

UMAT - Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test

Year 12 students who are interested in studying medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level will need to determine whether or not the course they wish to study requires them to complete the UMAT.

UMAT is developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) on behalf of the UMAT Consortium universities. The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on the website. In NSW, these include: The University of New South Wales Medicine, Optometry; The University of Newcastle/ University of New England Joint Medical Program; University of Western Sydney Medicine. (See the booklet on the website for universities and courses in other states of Australia and New Zealand http://umat.acer.edu.au/files/UMAT_info_book_15.pdf)

UMAT scores can be used for admission to any of the UMAT Consortium universities ONLY in the year following the test. For example, results from UMAT2015 can be used for undergraduate medicine or health science courses beginning in 2016 but NOT 2017. Do not register for UMAT2015 unless you are planning to apply for a course commencing in 2016 AND you meet the eligibility criteria specified in the UMAT2015 Information Booklet.

UMAT is developed and administered by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) on behalf of the UMAT Consortium Universities. ll important information about UMAT can be found in this Information Booklet and on the UMAT website: http://umat.acer.edu.au

UMAT2015 will be held on Wednesday 29 July 2015. UMAT is offered once a year only.

Registrations for UMAT2015 are now open. Registrations will then be accepted until 5.00pm AEST 19 June 2015. Late registrations are accepted on payment of a late fee of $65 in addition to the registration fee. No further registrations are accepted after this date.
You must read the UMAT2015 Information Booklet and complete the UMAT Registration Tutorial before you register for UMAT2015.

**UMAT 2015 Timeline:**
- Registrations open in early December 2014
- Registrations close at 5.00pm AEST on 5 June 2015
- Late registrations are accepted up to 5.00pm AEST on 19 June 2015 (late fee applies)
- Admission Tickets are available two weeks before the test Test date: 29 July 2015
- Results available in late September 2015.

**Preparation courses and sample questions**
There are a number of private preparation courses on offer (see Ms Gereige for details if interested). Also, there are a number of example questions in the Booklet on the website. Please see Ms Gereige if you have any further questions.

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**La Trobe University Sydney Campus Information Session**

Date: 16th Feb 2015  
Time: 6pm - 7.30pm  
Venue: La Trobe University Sydney Campus  
Cost: FREE  
Contact: Gabrielle Kalanja: Email: sydney@latrobe.edu.au / Phone: 02 9397 7600

La Trobe University Sydney Campus will be holding an information session from 6pm-7.30pm 16 February 2015.

This is an opportunity to meet with our university and lecturing staff, learn about our courses and ask any questions you might have. The session will be held on-campus which will provide you the chance to see our new, modern training facilities.

If you would like to attend, please register your details to Gabrielle Kalanja on sydney@latrobe.edu.au. For enquiries please call 9397 7600.

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**Projects Abroad Information evening**

Date: 17th Feb 2015  
Time: 6.30pm-7.30pm  
Venue: Sydney Central YHA 11 Rawson Place, Sydney 2000  
Cost: FREE  
Contact: Aimee Townley: aimeetownley@projects-abroad.com.au / 1300 132 831


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**OPEN DAY - Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School**

Date: 21st Feb 2015  
Time: 10am - 2pm  
Venue: BMIHMS Leura Campus  
Cost: FREE  
Contact: Joshua Suli: joshua.suli@bluemountains.edu.au

Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School Multicultural Open Day!

1 Chambers Road Leura NSW

BMIHMS would like to invite students, parents and career advisers to experience our unique culture. This February our Leura Campus will be open to the public and is the best time to see us in action! If BMIHMS can provide any further material please don’t hesitate to contact us.

RSVP required - joshua.suli@bluemountains.edu.au
**S P Jain School of Global Management Open Day**

Date : 25th Feb 2015  Time : 10 am to 5 pm  
Venue : S P Jain School of Global Management 5 FigTree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park Sydney 2127  
Cost : FREE  
Contact : BBA Sydney Team : bbsydney@spjain.org

S P Jain School of Global Management would like to invite you to its Open Day on 25th of February 2015. This event will give you the chance to visit the campus, join a lecture, and meet the lecturers and students. S P Jain's Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) is a global program run across 3 locations, Singapore, Dubai and Sydney, offering Marketing or Finance specialisations.

To register, please email bbsydney@spjain.org. For more information please visit our website [http://www.spjain.org/bba/index.aspx](http://www.spjain.org/bba/index.aspx)

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**BiG Day In @ UTS**

Date : 4th Mar 2015  Time : 9am-2.30pm  
Venue : Great Hall, UTS Sydney  
Cost : $10.00  

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**UAC Event - Year 12 Students and Parents**

Please see attached flyer.

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_Viviene Gereige  
Vocational Learning Coordinator_
UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS CENTRE INFO EVENING

WHEN
Wed 1st April, 2015
6 – 7pm

WHERE
Sydney Technical High School - Auditorium
686 Forest Road, Bexley, NSW 2207

For More info:
See your Career Adviser