A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Canonisation of Mother Teresa

Elevating the “saint of the gutters” to one of the Catholic Church’s highest honours, Pope Francis on Sunday praised Mother Teresa for her radical dedication to society’s outcasts and her courage in shaming world leaders for the “crimes of poverty they themselves created.” An estimated 120,000 people filled St. Peter’s Square for the canonization ceremony. It was the highlight of Francis’ Holy Year of Mercy.

Pope Francis has been dedicated to ministering to society’s most marginal, from prostitutes to prisoners, refugees to the homeless. In that way, while the canonization of “St. Teresa of Kolkata” was a celebration of her life and work, it was also something of an affirmation of Francis’ own papal priorities, which have earned him praise and criticism alike. “Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer,” Pope Francis said in his homily.

Born Agnes Gonxhe Bojaxhiu on Aug. 26, 1910, Teresa came to India in 1929 as a sister of the Loreto order. In 1946, she received what she described as a “call within a call” to found a new order dedicated to caring for the most unloved and unwanted, the “poorest of the poor” in the slums of her adopted city, Kolkata. The Missionaries of Charity order went on to become one of the most well-known in the world, with more than 4,000 sisters in their trademark blue-trimmed white saris doing as Teresa instructed: “small things with great love.” For Pope Francis, Teresa put into action his ideal of the church as a “field hospital” for those suffering both material and spiritual poverty, living on the physical and existential peripheries of society.

Prayer for St Teresa of Calcutta

Jesus, you made Mother Teresa an example

of humility, charity and selflessness.

She taught us that every human life
has value and dignity.
May we follow her in heeding
Your cry of thirst from the cross,
and in loving the poorest of the poor.
Grant us, by her intercession,
and according to Your will,
the graces we implore…,
knowing that she will soon be
numbered among Your saints.
We ask this in Your name,
through the intercession of Mary,
Your Mother and the Mother of us all. Amen.

Archbishop’s Award for Student Excellence

On Thursday 8 September 2016, Mrs Kennaugh, Miss Sukkar and some student representatives were present at St Mary’s Cathedral Hall to see our nominee for this prestigious award, Jacinta Walz, receive her award from Archbishop Anthony Fisher. We are so very proud of Jacinta and her work within her parish community at Penshurst. Her citation read as follows:

Jacinta is an outstanding candidate who gives witness to Gospel values in all she does. She is passionate about and participates in all social justice activities at school and takes a leadership role in our St. Vincent de Paul Chapter. As Liturgy Prefect, she assists with all liturgies and speaks with homerooms encouraging participation in prayer and worship. At St Declan’s Parish, Penshurst, she is regularly rostered as a reader and as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. She leads youth groups, assists in parish functions, and plays piano once a month at Mass. Jacinta is a young woman of strong faith and deep commitment.
Sta朋 Changes Term 4

- **Ms Rebecca LeMay**, our English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) teacher is leaving the College at the end of Term 3. We will miss the support and dedication she has given to our EAL/D students and thank her for her countless hours of work in this area. For Term 4, she will be replaced by **Ms Kahlie Taouk**, until a permanent replacement can be made for 2017.

- We wish **Mrs Adrianna Coleman, Mrs Betty Janev and Ms Marilee Mai** all the very best as they commence their period of maternity leave. These bubs are all due around the same time and we wish them well for a safe delivery. In Term 4, Mrs Coleman’s classes will be taken over by her job-share partner, Mrs Kalaitzis. Mrs Janev’s classes will be taken by **Mrs Hannah Poole** and Ms Mai’s classes will be taken over by her job-share partner, Mrs Lambert.

- We also warmly thank **Miss Lara Grimm** who so ably took on the role of Year 10 Coordinator in Miss Robinson’s absence.

- We thank **Mrs Lynne Taylor** who took over Miss Robinson’s teaching role in such a seamless fashion.

Our mantra:

“Girls can do anything. Bethany girls can do everything!*   
(*except divide by zero)”

*Vicki Lavorato  
Principal*
From the Assistant Principal

Important dates for Term 3

- Monday 19/9: Last full school day for Year 12
- Wednesday 21/9: Year 12 Graduation Mass and dinner. From 5.00p.m.
- Thursday 22/9: Last day of Term 3 - Students finish at 12.30, after Period 4. No Recreational Sport
- Friday 23/9: Pupil Free Day/Staff Development Day

Important dates for Term 4

- Monday, 10 October 2016 – Term 4 commences
- Thursday, 14 October – Friday, 4 November 2016 – HSC exams
- Tuesday, 13 December 2016 – Semester 2 Awards Ceremony
- Wednesday, 14 December 2016 – Last day of classes for students; dismissal at 12.30
- Thursday, 15 December 2016 – Years 9-10 Parent/Teacher/Student interviews. Pupil Free day
- Friday, 16 December 2016 – Staff Development Day – no students
- Monday, 19 December 2016 – Staff Development Day – no students
- Tuesday, 20 December 2016 – Staff Development Day – no students

Jacinta Russo

Assistant Principal
What’s Been Happening in Religious Education

Sr Jean Marie

It was with great sadness that we learnt last week of the death of Sr Jean Marie Brennan, rsc. Sr Jean Marie was the last religious principal at Bethany (former St Mary’s). Her funeral was a great testament to the wonderful woman that she was. Many past students, family and friends attended and farewelled a wonderful lady. She was selfless and energetic, had a great compassion for and understanding of people and was extremely generous with her time and outreach. Having had much to do with Sr Jean Marie in her time at the Liverpool parish, I can honestly say, she was quite remarkable and will be very much missed by all who knew her.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Canonisation of St Teresa

We were also very fortunate to have been witnesses to the canonisation of a wonderful lady – St Teresa. For the majority of us, we were able to witness and hear stories of the work that this one lady did, day in and day out. We lived in the time while she was doing her work for God. This is quite extraordinary and goes a long way to show us that saints are still well and truly in the making in our own time. It clearly shows that God is very relevant in our time and the charitable works of Christians are still very much needed. St Teresa worked with the poorest of the poor in India and showed great love and compassion to everyone of those that she worked with. Not only did she actively assist the poor to make their world a better place, but she also challenged world leaders to do more too. She knew that we all have a responsibility to ensure that those on the fringes of society are drawn in and supported. Just as Jesus always looked for the outcasts and extended love to them, St Teresa lived this everyday. She is an inspiration to all of us to live out our Christian lives filled with love, compassion and mercy for all those that we encounter during our lives.

Prayer Families

Our Year 12 students were very fortunate to have received a visit from the Family Educators who are attached to our feeder primary schools. The students from the primary schools have been praying for our Year 12 students and gave them a small gift to show them that during this time of preparation for their HSC exams, prayers and well wishes are being offered. The power of prayer is a wonderful thing and every prayer that is offered for our students can only be of benefit to them.

It is a lovely initiative and is one that our Family Educators have been undertaking for a number of years. I am sure that from looking at the photos, you will see that our students were very touched and really appreciated the prayers that are being offered for them.

If you have a moment of quiet over the next couple of weeks, I would encourage you to keep our Year 12 students in your prayers as they prepare for their final examinations.
Diane Kennaugh

Leader of Religious Education and Mission
Year 10 IST Excursion

On 24 August, Year 10 IST attended several computer programming workshops at the Powerhouse Museum, Ultimo. Students spent most of the excursion developing their skills in the Thinkspace centre, where they were led by Curtis, the friendly and adept instructor for the day.

The first workshop was Programming in Python where students manipulated objects such as blocks in Minecraft to augment gameplay using Python coding language. Students explored the jargon of coding to create towers and teleport avatars via a few lines of code. They also learned techniques such as looping and writing comments alongside the codes to organise the language without interference of the commands.

The second workshop explored by the class was the Electronic Technologies workshop where students combined their knowledge of electronics and programming to control ThinkerShield microcontrollers – these consisted of LED lights, a buzzer and buttons which performed functions after certain instructions were enlisted. These ThinkerShield microcontrollers were programmed using the Arduino coding language to display unique light patterns and play custom sounds from the buzzer.

The final workshop attended by Year 10 IST was the Rapid Design Lab where the class could explore their creativity and create stickers using cutter printers and compatible software to express their interests and personality.

A sincere thank you to Miss Boutros on behalf of the IST class for setting up and organising the outing to the Museum – our skills and knowledge have definitely been enhanced and we had an enjoyable day.

Tanya Giannakos & Bianca Setionago
Year 12 Hospitality Brasserie Bread Excursion

On Tuesday 30 August Year 12 hospitality went to Brasserie Bread at Banksmeadow, to further enhance their understanding of HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points). The tour of the factory taught us about the company’s history, production of breads and pastries and hygiene measures they put in place to ensure their products are of the highest quality.

While we were there we had the experience to make our own savoury scroll and bread plait. While this was a lot of fun we found it quite challenging. Our tour guide judged the best bread and the winners were; Adriana Halias, Victoria Dakhou and Isabella Young.

This excursion gave our classes an insight into waste management processes and their focus on environmental sustainability, through their principle of Single Origin bread. Single Origin bread is bread made from grain that originates from a single source: grain that can be traced back to the farmer where it was grown. This is an issue today as consumers are becoming more conscious of what they’re eating, where their food comes from and what chemicals are in it. This means a system needs to be put in place to give the consumer confidence that farmers are doing the right thing by the environment, their land and that the produce is of the highest quality.

Thank you to Ms Benson and Mrs Sultana for accompanying us on the excursion

– Elish McIntyre, Hospitality Prefect
Mental Health Month NSW is part of a national mental health promotion campaign held throughout October each year. The timing of the campaign coincides with World Mental Health Day, which happens each year on October 10. Mental Health Week raises awareness about mental health issues to promote social and emotional well-being in the community.

The theme this year is “Learn and Grow” which carries a simple but important message – that each of us learn about our mental health and by doing so grow. By learning we are empowering ourselves and others to take an active approach towards good mental health and wellbeing.

The Learn & Grow message also aims to reduce the stigma around mental health because by increasing mental health literacy help seeking behaviours are encouraging.

At Bethany, the aim of Mental Health Month is to:

Enhance mental health and well-being amongst students

Increase awareness of mental health issues within the school

To highlight the importance of valuing yourself through self-care

To encourage help-seeking behaviour

To foster connectivity within the Bethany community – ‘Together We Grow’

Promote positive psychological resilience

Reduce the stigma associated with mental health

In light of Mental Health Week, a number of students are busy organising a number of activities throughout the month of October that promote positive well-being. The Blackdog Institute will also be visiting the school to discuss strategies on building resilience. Stay tuned….
Katerina Stratilas

College Counsellor
Inquisitive Minds

Year 7 recently took part in the first Inquisitive Minds program to be run at the college. This program involves the solving of mathematical problems in a fun, competitive environment that had the girls winning points and prizes and, without them realising it, learning some very useful problem solving strategies.

The student engagement was wonderful and all the girls seemed to have a good time regardless of ability level.

The presenters were fun and highly engaging with the girls and seemed to have infinite patience and an ability to predict problems and difficulties long before they appeared.

My thanks to all the presenters but also to the students who entered into the event with a positive attitude and a sense of fun.

*Stephen Bishop*

*Maths Coordinator*
Book Week 2016

Each year across Australia, the Children’s Book Council of Australia celebrates the authors and illustrators who have contributed so much to quality Australian Literature.

Australia’s rich history of storytelling is an important part of our culture. It helps us to make sense of who we are and how we live, and the theme for Children’s Book Week 2016 *Australia! Story Country* captures this history beautifully.

Copies of the shortlisted books are currently available for borrowing.

Students are encouraged to visit the display in the Library and borrow or reserve these and many other exciting newly arrived books.

*Lynda Fleming*

*Teacher / Librarian*
PDHPE Department News

Year 9 Wheelchair Basketball Excursion

On Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 August, Year 9 attended a PDHPE incursion with Wheelchair Sports NSW Roadshow, where we participated in a highly intense game of wheelchair basketball. It was an engaging experience learning about both of our instructors disability and how they have managed to defy the odds by representing Australia at numerous sporting championships such as the London 2012 Paralympics. The stories of their achievements inspired all of us to have both determination and persistence when reaching for our goals. By taking part in a variety of activities associated with wheelchair basketball followed by an actual game, we were surprised to be introduced to a physically and tactically demanding game, requiring a high level of competence and skill. Overall, it was a fun filled day for everyone!

– Brooke Salisbury (Year 9)
SCC Athletics Carnival

At the SCC Athletics Carnival on Friday 26 August we had 35 competitors in a range of track and field events. Our results for the day were as follows:

- 2nd in the Senior division
- 3rd in the Junior and Intermediate divisions

Congratulations to Eva Kostopoulos who broke a record in the 13’s 400m run with a time of 1.05.39.

The following girls have been selected in the SCC Athletics team and will be competing at the NSWCCC Athletics Championships on Friday 16 September:

- Keira Fisher
- Eva Kostopoulos
- Kelly Wilson
- Isabella Kopriva
- Grace Robinson

SCC Thursday Sport Update

SCC Basketball

- Junior – 4th
- Intermediate – 1st
- Senior – 8th

SCC Soccer

- Junior – 2nd
- Intermediate – 2nd

SCC Softball

- Senior – Unfortunately did not make the semi-finals.

Michelle Barrass

PDHPE Teacher
FIND OUT WHY MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING MATTERS

Venue: St Mary’s Cathedral College

Tuesday 13th September 2016
7.30pm - 8.45 pm

Why Parents should attend

With 1 in 4 adolescents experiencing a mental health issue it is vital that parents are aware of the signs and symptoms that their child is struggling.

What will be covered

- What is good Mental Health?
- Latest statistics and research into teen wellbeing
- Factors that promote and hinder wellbeing
- Communication strategies
- The impact of technology
- Practical tips and resources

* "Parents need to help adolescents maintain good mental health and be able to identify signs and risk factors that may indicate an underlying problem".

Philip Batterham
Research Fellow - Centre for Mental Health Research at Australian National University

RSVP
By Friday 9th September 2016 to info@smcosydney.catholic.edu.au

Presenter
Rebecca Dennis, Manager Community Building & Education Services from Good Shepherd will be presenting information and strategies along with real life examples from her work with adolescents and families.

2016 School Fees

All 2016 School Fees are now OVERDUE. If you have not spoken to the College Bursar to arrange a payment plan, please pay immediately.

A reminder email has been sent this week to those families with outstanding fees.
Pedagogy Report

In last week’s Professional Development meeting, staff continued their faculty planning for the 2017 implementation of reduced summative assessment (Assessment ‘of’ Learning) in preference for increased formative learning experiences (Assessment ‘for’ and ‘as’ Learning). The key purpose of formative assessment is checking for student understanding, providing feedback and encouraging students to take greater responsibility for their learning. In doing this, teachers will also have a better understanding of where students are at, in order to make consistent judgements for reporting purposes. This planning will be an ongoing focus for the college into next term and 2017.

NAPLAN data analysis has also been a hot topic for staff since its release on the 17th August. During the Teaching and Learning Coordinators meeting (5th September), subject coordinators were presented with a summary of the College NAPLAN data and invited to contribute to the discussion around the following key questions; Where are we now? Where do we want to go? How are we going to get there? Whilst our data is encouraging, areas for further improvement were identified and possible interventions discussed. I am also calling for the formation of a Literacy Working Party, for the purpose of reviewing the current Bethany Writing Project and further developing a school wide approach to literacy. As with the recent BOSTES release of minimum HSC standards has highlighted (Bethany Newsletter 26th August), it is increasingly important for school leaders to address and improve the literacy and numeracy outcomes of our students.

The annual online PAT testing will begin this week, targeting Yr 7 and Yr 8 students in their respective English and Mathematics lessons. All Yr 7 and Yr 8 students will be completing the PAT Reading and PAT Vocabulary (in English) and PAT Maths 4th Edition in Maths lessons over the course of weeks 8-10. The website URL and student usernames/logins will be distributed to students at the time of their testing, and as the tests are online, Yr 7 and Yr 8 students must come to school equipped with their laptop ready and battery fully charged.

Katherine Maish
Leader of Pedagogy
Careers

Sydney Design School Info Session Wed 14 Sept 6pm Find out more about becoming an Interior Designer

If you’re passionate about a creative future in interiors join us on campus for our next Information Session. You’ll meet our Director, Amanda Grace, be inspired by graduate work and find out everything you need to know about our short courses and career qualifications. Register online now www.sydneydesignschool.com.au Wednesday 14 September 2016, 6pm, Level 2, 40 Oxley St, St Leonards, 2065

Pre-Apprenticeship Courses

My Trade Start have upcoming end of year courses in Hospitality, Automotive, Business Services, Warehousing, Retail and Community Services. We are accepting expressions of interests NOW for these courses. Call Katie on 9891 6900 for more information or for marketing flyers and expression of interest forms.

Are you looking for a career in Paramedicine or Medicine?

Paramedical Services offers a range of courses from the very basic CPR right through to the Certificate IV in Health Care and Diploma of Paramedical Science. Our courses are ideal for students who may be thinking of a career in the pre hospital, nursing or medical fields. With No ATAR required and university pathways available, all students have the opportunity to take those first career steps. More information contact Belinda Green training@paramedical.com.au Ph 96080222.

HSC September Workshops

HSC September Workshops at UTS, Macquarie, UOW and UON. In the September holidays, a series of HSC Workshops across 17 different subjects are being held. Students can spend a day with experienced HSC teachers/markers to review, practice and receive expert advice prior to the exams. Hundreds of free resources can be downloaded from our site https://hscintheholidays.com.au or call 1300 677 336

Academy of Information Technology (AIT) Intro to 3D Animation

This practical workshop will introduce students to various applications used within the 3D Modelling and Animation industry. Workshop starts at 9.30am till 4pm. Bring along your USB! Register online now: www.ait.nsw.edu.au or call 02 9211 8399

Academy of Information Technology (AIT) – Game Design Workshop

This practical workshop will introduce students to various applications used within the Animation and Games industry. Workshop starts at 9.30am till 4pm. Bring along your USB! Register online now: www.ait.nsw.edu.au or call 02 9211 8399

Academy of Information Technology (AIT) – Mobile App Development (Android)

Do you want to learn how the fastest growing IT sector works? Start your coding journey and create your first cross-platform phone app using HTML5, CSS3 and Javascript. This workshop will take you through the steps in creating a simple phone app from a concept all the way to a functional prototype. Register – www.ait.nsw.edu.au or call 02 9211 8399

Academy of Information Technology (AIT) – Intro to Concept AR

This one-day teaser course will give you the opportunity to try your hand at concept art illustration, learning basic drawing techniques that can be applied to digital formats. For dates and times – visit AIT website. Register: www.ait.nsw.edu.au or call 02 9211 8399
Sisters of Charity Foundation Scholarship for 2017

The Scholarship provides financial support to an applicant from a disadvantaged background who is currently residing in, or has resided in, out-of-home care and who wishes to enrol in an undergraduate degree at Notre Dame in Sydney. The Scholarship is valued at $30,000. For the application form, terms and conditions please go to [http://www.nd.edu.au/scholarships/sydney](http://www.nd.edu.au/scholarships/sydney). Applications close 13 January.

Bedford College – Scholarships for 2017

Bedford College offer Scholarships for it’s Diploma of Business, Leadership and Management, and Child Care courses, which will cover half the cost of tuition fees for selected students for the 2017 academic year. Applications are now open until November 30, 2016. To learn more, please visit our website at [www.bedford.edu.au](http://www.bedford.edu.au) or call us directly on 1300 174 174.

US College Sport Scholarships

EducationUSA and Meriden School are hosting an information session on sports scholarships to US colleges for high school careers advisers and sports coaches. The session will be held at Meriden School, 10 – 12 Redmyre Road, Strathfield, 3.00 – 5.30pm on Thursday 1 September. Please RSVP with name and school to [rsvp@state.gov](mailto:rsvp@state.gov). The US Universities that are visiting Sydney are: University of Arizona Binghamton University at Buffalo, SUNY Colgate University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Hamline University, University of Hawaii, Indiana University Purdue University, Sierra Nevada College + NCAA Eligibility Center. For more information, contact: Michael Charlton Director, Media [michael.charlton@bostes.nsw.edu.au](mailto:michael.charlton@bostes.nsw.edu.au) (02) 9367 8248

Australian Catholic University’s (ACU) Early Achievers’ Program applications now open

At ACU, we believe that students should be recognised for their contribution and leadership potential, and this is why we grant them status as Early Achievers. One of the biggest benefits of this program is that successful applicants receive an offer well ahead of the usual tertiary admissions announcements. Applications are now open for ACU’s EAP – for full details, visit [www.acu.edu.au/eap](http://www.acu.edu.au/eap).

The Hotel School Sydney Open Day

Date: 10th Sep 2016 Time: 9am – 1pm Venue: The Hotel School Sydney
Cost: FREE Contact: Anne McCrory: [anne.mccrory@scu.edu.au](mailto:anne.mccrory@scu.edu.au)
Visit our website to book; [sydney.hotelschool.scu.edu.au/about/infodays](http://sydney.hotelschool.scu.edu.au/about/infodays)

St Patrick’s Institute of Education Information Session

Date: 18th Sep 2016 Time: 11 am
Venue: Level 1, 65 York Street, Sydney Cost: FREE
Contact: Anne Fairhall: [anne.fairhall@spie.edu.au](mailto:anne.fairhall@spie.edu.au)

University of Wollongong (UOW) September HSC Workshops

Date: 26th Sep 2016 Time: 9am-5pm
Venue: UOW Main Campus (Wollongong) and Southern Sydney (Loftus)
Cost: 190
Contact: Shane Hardcastle: 1300677336 [info@hscintheholidays.com.au](mailto:info@hscintheholidays.com.au)

University of Technology (UTS) HSC September Workshops

Date: 26th Sep 2016 Time: 9am-5pm
Venue: UTS City Campus
Cost: 190
Contact: Shane Hardcastle: 1300677336 [info@hscintheholidays.com.au](mailto:info@hscintheholidays.com.au)

Macquarie University HSC September Workshops

Date: 26th Sep 2016 Time: 9am-5pm
Venue: Macquarie University, Balaclava Road, North Ryde
Cost: 190
Contact: Shane Hardcastle: 1300677336 [info@hscintheholidays.com.au](mailto:info@hscintheholidays.com.au)

The University of Notre Dame – Applications Due for Semester One, 2017

Date: 30th Sep 2016 Time: 5:00pm
Venue: 104 Broadway (PO Box 944) Broadway NSW 2007
Cost: FREE
Contact: Anne-Maree McCarthy: [sydney@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au) / 02 8204 4404
As a direct entry uni, prospective students apply directly to the University for admission at [http://www.nd.edu.au/nav-future-students/applynow](http://www.nd.edu.au/nav-future-students/applynow)
Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS)

A reminder that SRS applications and SRS Checking & Change dates at midnight on Friday 30 September 2016. After this date, students cannot access or modify their SRS applications. Students applying using SRS Apply at www.uac.edu.au/apply.

UAC will send an email to the principal each time an SRS application is submitted by a student at their school. The email will contain a link to a login page where the principal can access details of all the SRS applications at their school. Principals should advise nominated students when they receive notification of a new SRS application. All SRS dates must be finalised by Wednesday 11 October 2016.

If your school’s principal has changed since last year, please email SRSSupport@uac.edu.au, and we will remind you to update your school’s details.

Fact sheets with information for schools about SRS are available on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/sos/schools.

Key SRS Dates
- Midnight Friday 30 September 2016: Applications and SRS Check & Change dates for students.
- End of November 2016: Pre فهو advice letter sent by most institutions to applicants.
- Midnight Monday 5 December 2016: Applicants must have their preferred SRS course as their first preference.
- Friday 9 December 2016: SRS unconditional and conditional offers released.
- Thursday 5 January 2017: Conditional offers converted to unconditional offers for applicants meeting institution criteria.
- Wednesday 11 January 2017: SRS offers will also be made in the Main Round and subsequent rounds.

Educational Access Schemes (EAS)

You school will have received the Educational Access Schemes 2016-17 booklet by now, outlining the scheme and how to apply. The booklet, application form and supplementary application form can also be downloaded from UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/eas.

Students need to submit their EAS application by Wednesday 30 November 2016 to receive their EAS eligibility letter in time to change their preferences for the Main Round. However, EAS applications can be submitted until Friday 6 January 2017 for consideration in the Main Round.

The EAS application process, including the role of Educational Access Statements, is explained in the EAS Information for Schools 2016-17 fact sheet, which can be downloaded from UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/publications/eas.

Key EAS Dates
- Wednesday 10 November 2016: EAS applications close for Main Round eligibility letters.
- Monday 19 December 2016: EAS eligibility letters issued progressively from this date.
- Friday 6 January 2017: EAS applications close for Main Round.
- Wednesday 18 January 2017: Main Round offers.
- Wednesday 12 July 2017: EAS applications close.

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- Telephone: 1300 851 UAC (1300 285 725) or (02) 9752 0200
- From mobile
- Email and website
- Log on to our online enquiry form at www.uac.edu.au
- Postal address
- UAC, Locked Bag 142, Silverwater NSW 2128
- In person
- Quay 2, 8 Parkland Drive, Sydney Olympic Park NSW
- Office hours
- 8.30am – 4.30pm
- Monday to Friday

Student preferences and offers on Schoollink

Here are the dates when preferences and offers for your school will be available after 8am on School link:
- Monday 13 September 2016 – preferences, so you know who has applied
- Tuesday 6 December 2016 – preferences, so you know first preferences before SRS offer round
- Friday 9 December 2016 – offers from SRS round
- Monday 6 January 2017 – preferences, so you know final choice for Main Round
- Thursday 19 January 2017 – offers from Main Round
- Monday 20 February 2017 – offers, so you know all offers for semester 1.

If you have any questions or problems logging in, please contact Customer Service on (02) 9752 0200 or email schoolsfeedback@uac.edu.au.
Payment options

The payment options available to applicants are the same as previous years - credit card, PayPal, Australia Post or Direct Deposit.

Remind your students that if they choose to pay by Australia Post or Direct Deposit, they may pay before they can receive any offers.

ATAR Enquiry Centre

Students who have queries about the calculation of their ATAR can call UAC on 1300 600 827 or (02) 9119 5612 from mobiles or phones.

- Friday 16 December 2016, 8.30am – 6.00pm
- Saturday 17 December 2016, 8.30am – 4.30pm
- Monday 19 December 2016, 8.30am – 4.30pm
- Tuesday 20 December 2016, 8.30am – 4.30pm
- Wednesday 21 December 2016, 8.30am – 4.30pm
- Thursday 22 December 2016, 8.30am – 4.30pm

If students have other queries about their application, they can contact UAC on 1300 600 827 (1300 27 5 827) or (02) 9757 0200 from mobiles.

Offers below the cut-off

The cut-off for a course is the lowest selection rank (inclusive of bonus points) accepted into the course. The selection rank for Year 12 students can be simply their ATAR, or it can be their ATAR plus any bonus points they have received.

Here is an example of how it works:

Course A has six applicants, but only three places available. The six applicants are ranked in order of their selection rank:
1. 79.00 (ATAR of 70.00)
2. 78.50 (ATAR of 75.00 + 5 bonus points)
3. 77.00 (ATAR of 75.00 + 2 bonus points)
4. 76.00 (ATAR of 76.00)
5. 75.00 (ATAR of 66.00 + 9 bonus points)
6. 74.00 (ATAR of 74.00)

The first three applicants receive an offer. The cut-off for the course is 77.00. Applicants do not necessarily need the lowest ATAR; the cut-off is the lowest selection rank.

You can see that two applicants received offers with lower ATARs than the applicant who was just missed out, because those applicants had higher selection ranks due to the addition of bonus points.

Community liaison

This year has been very busy for the Community Liaison Team. We have attended information evenings for Year 10 and Year 12 students and parents alongside the University of Sydney, University of New South Wales, University of Wollongong, Macquarie University, Western Sydney University, University of New England and Charles Sturt University.

We have also attended 36 school events across NSW and the ACT and given 30 talks on the ATAR, applying through UAC, and subject selection for Year 12 students.

In 2016 and 2017 we conducted three UAC Days in Sydney and Griffith for careers advisors, or teachers and students who wanted to understand the calculation of the ATAR and how to use the annual ranking report. UAC Days have been a great success, with comments from participants such as ‘great professional development day’ and ‘all teachers should attend this day’.

You can request a UAC Day in your region by emailing Community Liaison at community Liaison@uac.edu.au.

The Community Liaison Team training for a successful 2016 and we look forward to seeing you at one of the many events we will attend in 2017.

UAC News is going digital

Following comprehensive feedback, from March 2017 UAC News will be delivered electronically. To receive your copy, email uacnews@uac.edu.au with the name of your school and the email address you would like UAC News delivered to.

Keep contact details up-to-date

Remind your students to keep their contact details up-to-date so that we can provide them with important information about their ATAR and application. If a student’s contact details change after they have lodged their application, they can update their details using the Check & Change on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/check-change.

Schools are required to update students contact details with BOSTES so that the student’s HSC and ATAR are sent to the correct address.

Key dates for 2016–17 admissions

Applications

- Wednesday 3 August 2016: Applications open
- Year 12 courses closing date: 8 April
- International students: 7 May
- Friday 30 September 2016: On-time applications close
- Monday 31 October 2016: Applications close with higher charge
- Wednesday 30 November 2016: Applications close with higher charge
- Friday 10 February 2017: Application close for Semester 1 courses

HSC and ATARs

- Transfer 30 November 2016: NSW HSC results released by BOSTES
- Tuesday 30 December 2016: ACT Year 12 results released by ACT BOSTES
- Friday 16 December 2016: ATARs released by UAC at www.uac.edu.au

Change of preferences

- Friday 6 January 2017: For consideration in Main Round
- Wednesday 25 January 2017: For consideration in February Round 1
- Sunday 5 February 2017: For consideration in February Round 2

Offers

- There are a number of offer rounds for 2017 admissions. The major ones are for Year 12 students and are listed here. Check the UAC Guide 2016–17 for UAC’s website for details of all offer rounds.
- Monday 9 January 2017: Course Round 1 offers released at 7:30am
- Thursday 5 January 2017: January Round 1 offers released at 7:30am
- Wednesday 18 January 2017: Main Round offers released at 8am
- Wednesday 1 February 2017: February Round 1 offers released at 7:30am
- Thursday 9 February 2017: February Round 2 offers released at 7:30am
Institution news and updates

Course changes since the publication of the UAC Guide 2015-16 and the July issue of UAC News are listed below. We ask you to encourage students to check the undergraduate course updates section on UAC’s website regularly, as institutions offer new courses or cancel others. For the latest details, go to www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/courses.

Australian Catholic University

**New courses**
- 103550 – B Science (Environmental), North Sydney (MacKillop
- 103551 – B Science, Canberra (Gigihuda)
- 105552 – B Science, North Sydney (MacKillop
- 101122 – B Teaching, B Sciences, Canberra (Gigihuda)
- 101123 – B Teaching, B Science, North Sydney (MacKillop

Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University

Cancelled
- 581090 – B Business with B Design

Charles Sturt University

Australia’s first Carbon Neutral University

Charles Sturt University has been declared Australia’s first and only Carbon Neutral University, recognized by the Australian Government’s Carbon Neutral Program. The achievement is the result of reducing emissions and promoting environmentally friendly practices on campus, and purchasing carbon offsets to achieve zero net greenhouse gas emissions. For further information, visit www.cu.edu.au/ceo.green

**New courses**
- 211177 – B Communication (Journalism and International Studies), Bathurst
- 211167 – B Communication (Advertising/Public Relations), Bathurst
- 211197 – B Communication, Bathurst

CQUniversity

**New courses**
- 160930 – DIT Digital Media, Sydney
- 160931 – DIT Digital Media, Distance
- 160932 – Associate DIT Digital Media, Distance
- 160931 – Associate DIT Digital Media, Distance

La Trobe University

**New course**
- 196200 – B Health Sciences (Medical Classification/B Health Information Management), Sydney

Macquarie University

Macquarie University takes a different approach, by recognizing that pioneering minds are more than just theirATAR score. However, with so many entry programs available to students, it can be difficult to narrow your head around them all. Below is an overview of selected entry programs that are still in play for 2016 HSC students. Go to www.macquarie.edu.au/entry to find out more.

*Early Entry Schemes*

Schools Recommendation Scheme

Students can choose from over 50 Macquarie University degrees. Applications close Friday 30 September 2016.

Academic Entry Scheme

This program considers a student’s performance in individual HSC subjects that correspond to select Macquarie degrees and makes an early offer dependent on the student’s performance in these subjects. This program is available for 70 Macquarie courses.

Gifted and Talented Entry Program

This program gives high-achieving students the opportunity to enrol at Macquarie with still a single ATAR score. Students who successfully complete the program units with the necessary GPA will receive an early offer for a selected range of Macquarie University Bachelor degrees.

Alternative Entry Schemes

Macquarie University International College

Macquarie University International College offers foundation and diploma programs to help both domestic and international students transition into university study. When students complete their program, they will be guaranteed a place in a selected range of Macquarie University Bachelor degrees, as long as they meet the relevant entry requirements.

First Step Pathway

The Macquarie Pathway is a solution for students who don’t meet the entry requirements to a Macquarie Bachelor degree. Students will be able to choose from a selection of units and study on campus as they would in an undergraduate course. Once successfully completed, they can enter one of 17 Macquarie University Bachelor degrees.

New for 2016

Big Brother Scheme

The Big History Scheme rewards student commitment to learning by acknowledging completion of the Big History module, Knowledge: World History (Online Course). Students who complete the course will receive three bonus points on their UAC rank to study a selected range of Macquarie University Bachelor degrees. Go to www.macquarie.edu.au/entry to find out more.

**Coming events**

Go to www.macquarie.edu.au/news to find out more about upcoming events, including campus tours.

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like Macquarie to be moved at your school, email FutureStudents@macquarie.edu.au, or call 1800 985 019.

SAE Creative Media Institute

Schools Recommendation Scheme

SAE Creative Media Institute’s Schools Recommendation Scheme through UAC allows Year 12 students to receive early offers of undergraduate admission by considering not only their subject performance, but also their school’s recommendation, aptitude and community engagement.

Scholarships

SAE Creative Media Institute offers scholarships to outstanding creative media applicants. SAE Scholarships are awarded to recognize creative talent coupled with academic excellence and outstanding leadership. Recipients will be enrolled in a full academic scholarship towards a Bachelor degree over the course of two years. Scholarships can be undertaken in one of the following disciplines: animation, audio design, fine arts, film and games. For more information, go to www.sae.edu.au/admissions/scholarships.

Torrens University Australia

Cancelled
- 501203 – DIT Marketing

University of Sydney

Future Leaders Scheme

The University of Sydney has expanded the DIT Scheme to include school occupations. The Future Leaders Scheme recognises students and their schools for their commitment to academic excellence and outstanding leadership. Students nominated by their principal achieve a minimum ATAR of 99.00 and are offered ATAR concessions to give them access to a wider range of course options. Principal nominations open on Wednesday 3 August 2016 and close in
early January 2017. Schools are encouraged to nominate students only after they have achieved a minimum mark of 50%. Students may apply via the School’s ranking system by advising the school of their intention to apply. The application process will be conducted online and will require the School to complete an online registration form.

**Special Studies Program**

The Special Studies Program (SSP) replaces the IB program to provide an alternative pathway for students who have a strong interest in engineering and who wish to prepare for future studies in this field. The program is open to students who achieve a score of 50% or higher in the IB program. For more information on the Future Leaders Scheme, visit www.briggs.edu.au/sg.

**Sydney College of the Arts**

Sydney College of the Arts (SCA) will become a part of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and will begin its new journey in the fall of 2017. The SCA curriculum will be designed to provide a comprehensive education in the arts and arts-related fields. The program will be offered in all areas of the arts, including visual arts, design, music, and theatre.

**University of Technology Sydney**

New course

099905 - B Technology and Innovation

This new degree is a direct response to industry demand for graduates equipped to work in the intersection of technology, creativity, and innovation. The B Technology and Innovation is designed to equip graduates with the technological knowledge, skills, and perspectives to address the complex and interconnected problems of society and prepare students for the opportunities of tomorrow. Graduates will possess a wide range of skills in technology and innovation, and the opportunity to pursue postgraduate studies in the areas of technology and innovation.

**Western Sydney University**

New courses

720791 - B Social Science (Psychology), Parramatta
720731 - B Arts/BA Creative Industries, Parramatta
720752 - B Communication/B Creative Industries, Parramatta
720733 - B Design/Virtual Communication/B Creative Industries, Parramatta
720734 - B Music/B Creative Industries, Parramatta
720706 - B Science - Pathway to Teaching (Primary/Secondary), Campbelltown
720704 - B Science - Pathway to Teaching (Primary/Secondary), Penrith
720706 - B Science - Pathway to Teaching (Primary/Secondary), Penrith
720707 - B Business (Bachelor of Commerce) - 3 Years, Bankstown
720701 - B Social Science (Economics), Penrith
720701 - B Medical Science (Forensic Mortuary Practice), Campbelltown
720701 - B Medical Science (Forensic Mortuary Practice), Parramatta

**Campus change**

207015 - B Design (Visual Communication), Parramatta

**Additional campus location**

720700 - B Engineering Science, Parramatta
720755 - B Engineering (Honours), Parramatta
720700 - B Engineering Advanced (Honours), Parramatta
720706 - B Building Design Management, Parramatta
720706 - B Construction Management, Parramatta

**Vocational Learning Coordinator**

Vivienne Gerage
Fatima Night

Dear friends and devotees of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

This coming October 13 is the 99th anniversary of the last apparition at Fatima Portugal.

Fr. John Iacono will commemorate the event by celebrating “Fatima Night” with the following:

1. An act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as requested at Fatima by our Blessed Mother
2. Blessing to all the children
3. A documentary on Fatima

Venue:
St Joseph Parish
231 Newbridge Road, Moorebank, NSW

When:
October 13, 2016

Time:
6.45p.m.

For Whom:
Everybody is welcome.

Don’t miss this opportunity of a lifetime! It will be a mini experience of what takes place at Cova de Eria – Fatima – Portugal on the 13th of every month.

Please make an effort to be there. You will be blessed because you came.

Many thanks,

Fr. John Jocono