

Are your students eligible to apply for *Educational Access Schemes?*

Most of the universities in NSW and the ACT have Educational Access Schemes (EAS) which are designed to help provide access to university for students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage such as:

- disrupted schooling
- home environment and responsibilities
- financial hardship
- personal illness/disability.

UAC's EAS booklet contains information about the universities' schemes and includes an application form. Students can download the EAS booklet and application form from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/equity/eas.html.

The on-time closing date for EAS applications is Friday 29 September 2006.

Students must submit their EAS application by Friday 29 September to guarantee that it will be considered in time for the Main Round of offers. The late closing date for EAS applications is Thursday 30 November 2006.

Help with money at uni? ...apply through *Equity Scholarships* *Apply-By-Web*

The last issue of UAC News (Volume 12 Issue 3, July 2006) featured an article on Equity Scholarships, which aim to help students who experience financial disadvantage with the costs of going to uni.

To simplify the application process, UAC plans to introduce Equity Scholarships Apply-By-Web (ES ABW) this year for a specific group of Equity Scholarships applicants.

ES ABW will only be for students who have applied through UAC for 2007 admissions and who are applying for a scholarship solely on the basis of their Centrelink means-tested income support payment. Although this is a very specific group, last year a significant number (about one-third) of the Equity Scholarships applications were from students in this group.

Students who don't meet the above criteria can apply for Equity Scholarships using the paper application form, which can be downloaded from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/equity/equityschols.html.

To apply for Equity Scholarships using ES ABW students will need their:

- UAC application number
- UAC PIN and
- Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN).

More information will be available on the Equity Scholarships section on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/equity/equityschols.html.

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Release of 2006 UAI

Eligible 2006 NSW HSC students can access their UAI or Limited UAI from 9am on Wednesday 20 December 2006 via:

- UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au; or
- the UAC InfoLine 1900 957 500.
Calls are charged at 82.5c per/minute (higher from mobiles, service provided by Dialect Solutions)

HSC students will also receive an official UAI/Limited UAI Advice Notice in the mail on Thursday 21 December 2006.

UAI Enquiry Centre

UAC runs a telephone enquiry centre to support the release of the UAI. It will be staffed by experienced teachers and UAC staff trained especially to answer UAI queries.

Details of the UAI Enquiry Centre will be included in the 'You and Your UAI' booklet, which aims to answer some of the most commonly asked questions by students about the UAI.

The booklet will be mailed to HSC students' homes and to schools in mid-December, along with information on changing preferences and dates of university HSC Advisory Days.



University news & updates

Charles Sturt University

Course change

- B Management
Orange, 3F
212808 (CSP)

This course has been revised since publication of the *UAC 2007 Guide*.

The B Management program has been devised to meet the growing demand for 'real world' management, leadership education and skill development. The newly revised course provides a strong focus on the development of workplace-essential people management 'soft skills', along with the opportunity to balance these with technical and financial skills and knowledge.

For further information visit www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/management/

Macquarie University

Macquarie University's undergraduate enrolment process for 2007 will begin on Monday 22 January 2007. Course enrolment dates will be available at www.futurestudent.mq.edu.au after September 2006.

Students are allocated a time and date to attend enrolment in order to ensure that the process is streamlined. Academic advisers will be available on campus to advise students on their choice of units. Attendance at a designated enrolment session is compulsory.

If students are unable to attend their designated enrolment session, they must inform the University of their intention to accept the offer, and then attend a late enrolment session in February.

University of New South Wales

New Combined Law options

The following courses are not included in the *UAC 2007 Guide* but will be available for 2007 admissions (subject to final approval).

- B Social Science (Criminology)/B Laws
Kensington, 5F
426000 (CSP)

This new course provides an opportunity to obtain two degrees of professional importance to the public sector, criminal justice, community service, business and law practice. Students will be able to pursue a

multi-disciplinary program of study by combining law studies with a specialisation in criminology as a social science. In addition, students have the option to work towards a research career in a variety of disciplines.

- B Engineering/B Laws
Kensington, 6F
426000 (CSP)

This new course offers students the opportunity to combine law studies with any one of 14 engineering specialisations. Previously only Civil and Environmental Engineering were able to be combined with law at UNSW. The new BE/LLB offers students the opportunity to combine law studies with the study of a range of diverse technologies. Graduates will have a professionally recognised legal qualification in addition to an internationally recognised professional engineering degree.

University of Newcastle

Additional locations now available in Psychology and Teaching/Arts

The University of Newcastle now has additional Commonwealth-supported places (CSP) and domestic fee-paying (DFEE) places available for students wishing to study Psychology at the Ourimbah campus and Teaching/Arts at the Port Macquarie campus.

The additional places will be available for 2007 admissions.

Students wishing to study B Psychology on the Ourimbah campus should include UAC code 480769 (CSP) and/or 490769 (DFEE) on their UAC application.

Students wishing to study B Teaching/B Arts on the Port Macquarie campus should include UAC code 480955 (CSP) and/or 490955 (DFEE) on their UAC application.

More information will be available on the University website: www.newcastle.edu.au

Additional places

The University of Newcastle has received an additional 264 Commonwealth-supported places (CSP) from 2007.

The additional places allocated to the University are across its three campuses of Callaghan, Ourimbah and Port Macquarie, and are in both undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs.

More than 200 of these places are in the field of health, in which the University is highly respected for its teaching and research.

A full list of programs that have additional places can be found on the University website at: www.newcastle.edu.au/futurestudents/newandadditionalcommonwealthsupportedplacesonofferin2007.html

Deleted specialisations in B Education

The following specialisations will no longer be offered in the B Education program:

- sensory disability (vision or hearing)
- special education
- visual arts.

All other specialisations will still be available.

Students wishing to study B Education on the Callaghan campus should include UAC code 480242 (CSP) and/or 490242 (DFEE) on their UAC application.

Students wishing to study B Education on the Ourimbah campus should include UAC code 480243 (CSP) and/or 490243 (DFEE) on their UAC application.

Nursing - mental health specialisation

Graduates of this program will be eligible to apply for registration as comprehensive Registered Nurse and then work in any area of health care.

They will have had enhanced mental health learning opportunities, including clinical placements in a range of mental health facilities.

Upon completion, it is expected that graduates with this specialisation within the Bachelor of Nursing will be specifically seeking career development opportunities as mental health nurses.

Cancelled course

- B Education
Port Macquarie, 4F/EqP
490244 (DFEE)

The Bachelor of Education program at the Port Macquarie campus will not be available for 2007 admissions. Students wishing to study B Education are able to do so at the Callaghan or Ourimbah campuses.

University of Western Sydney

Entry into medicine

UWS may be required to offer a number of Bonded Medical Places and Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship places in the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery in 2007. The full details will be made available to applicants once a final decision has been made by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. Below is a summary of the Bonded Medical Places and the Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship scheme.

Bonded Medical Places

Applicants who accept a place in this category will be required to sign a Deed of Agreement at enrolment time and will be "bonded" to areas of workforce shortage on completion of the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery. They will be required to work for a minimum of six years in an area of workforce shortage for their chosen speciality. The Australian Government has indicated that outer metropolitan and rural areas are the likely locations for the six years of bonded work. These bonded places are only available to Australian citizens and Australian permanent residents. For further details see www.health.gov.au/bmpscheme

Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship places (three places)

The Medical Rural Bonded Scholarships are each worth \$22 298 a year in 2006 (indexed annually) to new medical students prepared to commit to at least six years of rural practice, once they complete their basic medical and postgraduate training. The scholarships aim to increase the number of doctors practising in rural and remote communities. These bonded scholarship places are only available to Australian citizens and Australian permanent residents. For further details see www.health.gov.au/mrbscholarships.

New pathway to teaching

- B Arts/M Teaching (Primary)
Bankstown, 4-4.5F/EqP
707460 (CSP)

This consecutive combination of an undergraduate Bachelor degree and a postgraduate Masters qualification gives students direct access to a teaching career in four years with improved prospects for career advancement.

The first three years of the course allow students to focus on a general program of their choice and to structure their units of study to gain the necessary learning areas to satisfy DET requirements for entry into teaching. The fourth year concentrates on the skills and knowledge needed to translate that expertise to a classroom setting.

Completion in four years involves study of the M Teaching component in 12 months in accelerated mode. The M Teaching is also available in normal full-time mode, over 18 months, or the part-time equivalent.

University of Wollongong

Amendment to UAC 2007 Guide

The University of Wollongong has reviewed the academic session dates for 2007 and altered the commencement date for Autumn session. The adjusted dates are as follows:

Summer session:

4 December 2006 – 9 February 2007

Enrolment of new students:

30 January 2007 – 2 February 2007

Orientation:

19 February 2007 – 23 February 2007

Autumn session:

26 February 2007 – 22 June 2007

Mid-year recess:

23 June 2007 – 22 July 2007

Spring session:

23 July 2007 – 16 November 2007

New courses

The following courses are not included in the *UAC 2007 Guide* but will be available for 2007 admissions (subject to final approval).

- B Journalism/B Communication and Media Studies
Wollongong, 4.5F/9P
751664 (CSP)
- B Journalism/B Engineering
Wollongong, 5F/9P
751665 (CSP)

Assumed knowledge: For *B Journalism*: Any two units of English. For *the other degree*: Refer to the relevant degree entry in the *UAC 2007 Guide*.

Recommended studies: For *B Journalism*: English Advanced. For *the other degree*: Refer to the relevant degree entry in the *UAC 2007 Guide*.

Additional selection criteria: Refer to 754700 B Journalism.

Major studies and career opportunities: Refer to the relevant degree entries in the *UAC 2007 Guide*.

Early entry

Current Year 12 students can apply for early entry into courses offered by the faculties of Engineering, Informatics, Science and some degrees in the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences. Successful applicants will receive either a guaranteed place or a place that is conditional upon the results of final exams.

Early entry is based on academic record (including trial HSC results) and an interview. To be eligible for early entry, you must apply direct to UOW **and** through UAC. Your UAC application must have a UOW course that is available for early entry listed as the highest preference. If you are not eligible for early entry, you may still receive an offer in the Main Round.

For further information, including details of which courses are available and closing dates for direct applications, visit www.uow.edu.au/prospective/early_entry.html

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 20 September 2006.

Creative arts interview/audition application forms

In addition to applying to UAC, creative arts applicants must also submit an interview/audition application form (available from school careers advisers, head teachers, TAFE counsellors and our UniAdvice Office, call 1300 367 869). The application form must be returned to the University by Friday 29 September 2006. The Faculty of Creative Arts will advise applicants by mail before the end of October if they have been short-listed for an interview/audition and will also advise by mail the interview/audition requirements and date. See 754601-10 B Creative Arts for more information.

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Dean's Scholars Program

The Dean's Scholars Program is available in the faculties of Arts, Creative Arts and Commerce. The Dean's Scholars program in each faculty provides an enriched educational experience for high achieving students who want to set themselves apart.

Remember applications for all faculties close on Friday 29 September 2006.

More information is available at www.uow.edu.au/prospective/deans_scholars.html

Scholarships

The University of Wollongong's scholarship program is designed to reward and encourage excellence, and help our students achieve. We offer a range of scholarships from academic, sporting to equity scholarships. The closing date for scholarships is Friday 29 September 2006. For more information visit www.uow.edu.au/about/scholarships/

Important UOW application closing dates

- B Health Sciences
Wollongong, 3F
757639 (CSP)

Applications close on Wednesday 20 September 2006.

This degree has been designed to prepare students for graduate studies in medicine, to coincide with the commencement of the UOW Graduate School of Medicine.

For more information visit www.uow.edu.au/health/bhs_application/index.html

- B Journalism

Applications close on Friday 29 September 2006.

The Creative Arts Faculty will introduce a new degree from 2007 – the Bachelor of Journalism. There is a separate application form for this degree. For more information call 1300 367 869.

- B International Science (Honours)
Wollongong, 4F/8P
757600 (CSP)

Applications close on Wednesday 20 September 2006.

The Bachelor of International Science is an internationally unique four-year degree offered in conjunction with the University of Colorado and Dublin City University.

For more information visit www.uow.edu.au/science/student/docs/BSc_Intl_Hons06_UOW.pdf

January Options Day - Wednesday 3 January 2007

University of Wollongong January Options Day is designed specifically for students who have completed their HSC in 2006 to discover the various options and pathways available to them. Students should consider attending January Options Day if:

- they receive a higher/lower UAI than they expected and are reconsidering their options
- they need any course specific questions answered
- they want to find out about alternative entry options available through Wollongong University College and TAFE, or
- they wish to visit the campus for a tour.

On January Options Day, faculty representatives will be available to discuss course options. Students should bring their HSC results and UAI. More information will be available on the University website closer to the date.

Changing address

UAC receives the addresses of NSW Year 12 students from the files held by the NSW Board of Studies. Every year UAC sends out thousands of undeliverable letters because Year 12 students have either not notified the Board of Studies of a change of address, or the address is incomplete.

Encourage your students to make sure that the address held for them by the Board of Studies is accurate and complete.

Contacting UAC

telephone:	(02) 9752 0200
website:	www.uac.edu.au
email:	use the online enquiry form on UAC's website
postal address:	Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128
in person:	Quad 2, 8 Parkview Drive, Homebush Bay NSW
office hours:	8.30am – 4.30pm (Monday to Friday)

For your information

Acknowledgements

As we have in previous years, UAC will send out acknowledgement letters outlining applicant's personal details and course preferences.

For applicants who applied by 16 October 2006, these letters will be posted in October. For those who apply later than this, letters will be sent out in mid-December 2006 and early January 2007.

If an application is submitted after 4 January 2007, an acknowledgement letter will not be sent. However, applicants can use the online applicant services facility on UAC's website to view their application summary; check/change their address, telephone number and email address; and check/change their preferences.

Applicants should check their acknowledgement letter carefully to ensure UAC has recorded their correct details. If anything is incorrect they should notify UAC immediately in writing.

Applicants will only be sent one acknowledgement letter. If they change their preferences UAC will not send another acknowledgement letter.

PINs for Year 12 students

UAC Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) have been sent to NSW HSC and ACT Year 12 students. For Year 12 students from other states (and for all non-Year 12 students), their PIN is the first four digits of their date of birth. All UAC applicants can change their PIN on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au

Important information about offer rounds

Remember! Most offers are made in the Main Round. Last admissions period 53 368 offers were made in the Main Round. In the Late Round 6 521 offers were made, and just 1 290 offers were made in the Final Round. These figures include offers made to both Year 12 and non-Year 12 applicants.

visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au