The 2013 Guide is now available

The UAC 2013 Guide is now arriving at NSW and ACT high schools and will soon be available from newsagents. More than 1,600 courses are on offer from 24 institutions. The Guide has information about every course, as well as how to apply, and the selection and offer process.

This year’s Guide will have a Part 3 listing courses from nine new institutions. These institutions will take applications direct. Students do not apply for these courses through UAC. They are: the Academy of Information Technology, Australian College of Applied Psychology, Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE), Australian International Conservatorium of Music, Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School, JMC Academy, Sydney Institute of Business and Technology, The University of Notre Dame, Australia, Whitehouse Institute of Design, Australia.

The Guide cover artwork has been selected from ARTEXPRESS again this year and features a photomedia work by Joshua Bentley from the Southern Highlands Christian School called ‘Chasing the Light’.

Applications for tertiary study in 2013 will open on UAC’s website on 8 August.

The processing charge for on-time applications is $27 for Year 12 students and $58 for non-Year 12 applicants. There are a number of payment options available.

Please remind your students to apply by the on-time closing date of Friday 28 September 2012. After that date, late fees apply.

See the back cover of this issue for a full list of UAC key dates for 2013 admissions.

The UAC 2013 International Booklet

International students who will complete an Australian Year 12 qualification in Australia or overseas, an International Baccalaureate, or a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3 in 2012, can apply through UAC for international fee-paying courses offered by UAC’s participating institutions. Applications open on 8 August.

There are more than 1,300 courses available from 22 institutions.

The UAC 2013 International Booklet will be delivered to schools in NSW and overseas in early August and will contain all the information needed to apply. UAC’s website will also have all the information at www.uac.edu.au/international/

Scaling information sessions

UAC held a number of information sessions throughout June to coincide with the publication of the Report on the Scaling of the 2011 NSW HSC. The sessions focused on understanding and using the scaling tables, explained the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) and debunked some of the commonly held ATAR myths.

Following these successful sessions, UAC is conducting several regional workshops in July – September. See the Events Diary for locations and further information.

A podcast with the highlights from these sessions is available through Schoollink on UAC’s website, along with all the session materials for those unable to attend.

New publications

UAC has been attending many expos and information sessions around the state. We’ve been handing out copies of our new publications which have been extremely popular including All about UAC for Year 11 and 12 students; an overview of preparing for and managing the application process.

We’ve also had positive feedback on our new series for parents, careers advisers and teachers:

• FAQs for Careers Advisers
• FAQs for Parents
• FAQs about the ATAR

See the Events Diary to find out where we’ll be next and come and pick up a copy from us, or download from the website www.uac.edu.au/publications/undergraduate

Educational Access Schemes (EAS)

EAS applications open on 8 August and there are several changes for 2013.

Two new types of disadvantage (TOD) have been introduced. These are:

• FOD1 – introduced due to changes in Youth Allowance payments; eligibility is based on parents or guardians in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A.
• S01R – introduced for students attending rural schools that don’t meet the criteria for the existing school environment TOD.

For further information, refer to ‘What’s New’ in the Schools Adviser and Curriculum Adviser for the principal, careers adviser, year 12 adviser and curriculum adviser.
Equity Scholarships

Equity Scholarships help financially disadvantaged students with the costs associated with higher education. Students apply for an Equity Scholarship through UAC. With one online application they can apply for scholarships at a number of institutions.

Schools will be receiving copies of the 2013 Equity Scholarships booklet in early August. It will also be available to download from UAC’s website from 8 August at www.uac.edu.au/equity/

On-time applications close on Friday 28 September 2012.

Keep those contact details correct

UAC needs to have the correct contact details for applicants so that we can provide important information in a timely manner.

Remind your students to keep their contact details up-to-date. If details change after they have applied, all they need to do is go to Check & Change on UAC’s website to update our records.

Students also need to keep their contact details at the Board of Studies up-to-date so that their ATAR Advice Notice is sent to the correct address.

UAC and applicant privacy

Many parents call us regarding their son or daughter’s application, but unless they have been named on the application as an agent, we are unable to discuss details of the application with them due to privacy restrictions.

To nominate an authorised agent, the student needs to complete the appropriate section in their application, or submit a letter of authority to UAC. This authorisation only applies to the UAC application process; it does not authorise someone to accept an offer on the student’s behalf. See UAC’s website for further information.

Remind your students about UAC PINs

NSW HSC and ACT Year 12 students will be issued with a four-digit UAC PIN which they will receive in the mail in early August. They will need it to apply, so remind them to keep it in a secure place.

University news and updates

Canberra Institute of Technology

Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) is once again processing its course applications through UAC. A full listing of CIT courses available for 2013 can be found in the UAC 2013 Guide and on UAC’s course search.

La Trobe University

New courses

B Science (Applications in Society)

This new degree is designed for people who wish to pursue a career in science but also develop specialised knowledge in other disciplines. The curriculum offers up to two science majors of choice, and a major or sub-major in another field – such as business, communications or social science. Foundation studies in first year familiarise students with a range of science disciplines before they select their major/s. For example, first-year statistics prepares students to study in quantitative areas such as science, finance and business. They also study the practice of science and learn how scientific investigation works. From second year, students specialise in specific areas of interest.

The degree also includes an optional Work-Ready Science program that includes career development workshops and subjects that count towards the degree. The program coordinator will help students find work placement opportunities, study exchange programs or cadetship placements in their area of interest.

B Bioscience

Designed for those who are passionate about biology, the B Bioscience gives students a strong grounding across life sciences and includes lots of practical and fieldwork experience. The degree offers flexibility to choose from a range of specialisations within the life sciences. Students can choose from specialised or broad majors depending on their interests and the set of skills they want to develop for their career.

B Science (Wildlife and Conservation Biology)

Wildlife and conservation biology is critically important in managing and limiting the effects of environmental degradation, climate change and loss of biodiversity. It is the science that underpins the management of native animals and plants, and the conservation and restoration of ecosystems. This course provides students with a multidisciplinary education in conservation biology and ecology, with a focus on the core subjects of botany, genetics, microbiology and zoology. Other areas covered include mathematics and statistics, management, and policy.

Macquarie University

B Engineering with a major in Mechanical Engineering

The first intake of mechanical engineering at Macquarie University will occur in 2013. This comprehensive four-year program will prepare students to work as professional engineers.

UAC receives many calls about UAC PINs that don’t work. Remind students to check they are using their UAC PIN, and not their HSC PIN issued by the NSW Board of Studies, before they contact us.

Included with the PIN letters will be a handy card with the steps to applying through UAC and a list of key dates.

Do your students need to sit the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)?

The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) is designed to assess a range of competencies considered important for success in tertiary study. STAT is used by many institutions as part of their admissions procedure for some courses and certain categories of applicants.

While STAT is not generally used for Year 12 students, the one specific course where Year 12 students must sit STAT is Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney.

(Student no longer need to sit STAT for B Pharmacy at University of Sydney.)

STAT candidates must register through UAC. Registrations for candidates wishing to study in 2013 open on 8 August, with a number of test sittings held between September and January 2013. For more information, visit www.uac.edu.au/stat/

Include STAT and UMAT numbers when applying

Remind your students who have sat the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) and/or the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) that they need to include their STAT and/or UMAT candidate numbers in their UAC application.

Changes to General Mathematics

From the 2014 HSC, General Mathematics is being replaced with Mathematics General 1 and Mathematics General 2. Mathematics General 1 is a content-endorsed course and therefore will not be available for inclusion in the ATAR calculation. Mathematics General 2 is a Board-developed course that will be available for inclusion in the ATAR calculation. While not yet formally categorised, Mathematics General 2 is expected to be categorised as a Category A course (on the understanding that it is a replacement for General Mathematics with a syllabus of a similar standard).
New course – B Design in Integrated Product Design

UTS’s new B Design in Integrated Product Design course, replacing the B Design in Industrial Design – will expand on the traditional field of industrial design to reflect the changed realities of the globalised design profession. Designers are just as likely to be designing a system or a method as an object, and objects are now more likely to have technology embedded in them to enable us greater interaction. Furthermore, they’re likely to be designing in one country, having the object made in another country, and seeing it sold globally.

University of Wollongong

Selective Entry

UOW Selective Entry is open to everyone completing the NSW HSC or equivalent in 2012 who meet the minimum academic requirements for their chosen degrees.

All applications to UOW Selective Entry are made online. Applications open 1 July and close at 5pm on Wednesday 15 August 2012. A series of interviews and on-campus events will be held for eligible applicants from 24 to 28 September.

For further information visit www.uow.edu.au/future/selectiveentry/index.html

Dean’s Scholar programs

UOW’s Dean’s Scholar programs provide an enriched educational experience for high-achieving students who want to set themselves apart. Students can generally fast-track their degree by taking second-year subjects in first year, receiving academic mentoring and gaining privileged access to resources.

Dean’s Scholar programs are available in the faculties of Arts, Commerce, Creative Arts, Education, Engineering and Informatics.

To apply, make sure your students include the appropriate course code as one of their UAC preferences and complete the additional selection criteria as outlined in Part 2 of the UAC 2013 Guide.

Scholarships

There is a wide range of UOW scholarships and grants available to help prepare students for success in the global economy.

Information about the different types of UOW scholarships and grants available and how to apply is available at www.uow.edu.au/about/scholarships (you can also download the scholarship booklet and application from this site).

The closing date for applications is Sunday 30 September 2012. For further information call 1300 387 869 or email uniadvice@uow.edu.au.

UAC events diary

Careers events

UAC will be attending a number of careers events in July and August as follows:

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Scaling information sessions

These three-hour sessions are aimed at principals, deputy principals, careers advisers, head teachers and year advisers.

For further information and bookings, visit Schoolink on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/or contact:

• Donna Munro, UAC Community Liaison Manager, (02) 9752 0742 or email donna.munro@uac.edu.au
• Trudy Noller, Senior Customer Service Officer (Community Liaison), (02) 9752 0714 or email trudy.noller@uac.edu.au.

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Open Days for 2012

Applications

APM College of Business and Communication
North Sydney 18 September
Australian Catholic University
Canberra campus 25 August
North Sydney campus 1 September
Strathfield campus 8 September
Australian Maritime College
Beauty Point campus 26 August
Newham campus 26 August
Campus tours can be arranged by appointment,
For further information call (03) 6324 9646
Australian National University
25 August
For campus tours Freecall 1800 620 032 or email
campus.tours@anu.edu.au
Billy Blue College of Design
North Sydney 29 September
Campion College Australia
Old Toongabbie early September
Canberra Institute of Technology
ClIF Bruce 25 August
Charles Sturt University
Every day
For campus tours/appointments and course information
call 1800 DEGREE (1800 334 733) or visit
www.scu.edu.au/campustours
CQUniversity
Sydney campus 29 July
For campus tours or other information,
call 13 CQUni (13 27 86)
Griffith University
Gold Coast 12 August
International College of Management,
Sydney
Manly campus 19 August
Jansen Newman Institute
For course information Freecall 1800 777 116
La Trobe University
Albury-Wodonga campus 5 August
Mildura campus 19 August
Macquarie University 8 September
Southern Cross University
For personalised campus tours and special events
Freecall 1800 626 481 or (02) 6620 3975
University of Canberra 25 August
University of New England 3 May
For personalised campus tours call 1800 818 865
University of New South Wales
Open Day 1 September
Australian Defence Force Academy,
Canberra 25 August
University of Newcastle
Central Coast campus (Ourimbah) 18 August
Newcastle campus (Callaghan) 25 August
Port Macquarie campus –
Information Night 30 August
University of Sydney 25 August
University of Technology, Sydney
UTS Information Day, Broadway campus 25 August
UTS Open Day, Kuring-gai campus 1 September
University of Western Sydney
Parramatta campus 26 August
University of Wollongong
For personalised campus tours and special events call
1300 367 869
William Blue College of Hospitality
Management
North Sydney 18 August

Applications

Wednesday 8 August 2012 applications open
Friday 28 September 2012 on-time applications close
Wednesday 31 October 2012 late applications close
Friday 30 November 2012 late applications close with
late fee $119
Thursday 31 January 2013 final close of applications
with late fee $147

HSC and ATARs

Wednesday 19 December 2012 2012 NSW HSC
results released by
Board of Studies
Thursday 20 December 2012 ATARs released by UAC
Change of preferences

Friday 4 January 2013 for consideration in
Main Round
16 January - 23 January 2013 for consideration in
Late Round
30 January - 31 January 2013 for consideration in
Final Round

Offers

Thursday 25 October 2012 October Round offers released
Thursday 15 November 2012 November Round
offers released
Thursday 6 December 2012 December Round
offers released

UAC key dates for 2013 admissions

Offers (continued)

Thursday 3 January 2013 Early January Round
offers released
Wednesday 16 January 2013 Main Round offers
released at 9pm
Wednesday 30 January 2013 Late Round offers
released at 9pm
Wednesday 6 February 2013 Final Round
offers released

Subscribe to Directions, UAC’s e-newsletter at www.uac.edu.au/publications/newsletter/
Year 12 checklist for applying through UAC

☑ Have you researched the courses available?
There are over 1,600 courses available for 2013 admissions via UAC. You can research the courses available using table 1 and the course descriptions in the UAC 2013 Guide or through the course search on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au

☑ Do you know your UAC PIN?
Your UAC Personal Identification Number (PIN) is your key to applying through UAC and accessing information about your application.
This four-digit number also allows you to access information such as your course preferences, offers and your ATAR from UAC’s website.
Considering how important this number is – and that it can take time to re-issue it if you lose or forget it – remember to keep your UAC PIN in a secure place.

What is your UAC PIN?
If you are attempting the 2012 NSW HSC or the 2012 ACT Year 12, you are issued with your four-digit UAC PIN in the mail in early August. For all other applicants your UAC PIN is the first four digits of your date of birth – for example, if your birthday is 17 May, your UAC PIN is 1705.

What if my UAC PIN doesn’t work?
If your UAC PIN doesn’t work, check that you are trying to use the correct number. NSW students - check that you are using your UAC PIN not the PIN issued to you by the NSW Board of Studies.
If you are using the correct PIN and are still experiencing difficulties, call UAC on (02) 9752 0200.

Lost or forgotten UAC PINs
If you have applied through UAC you can use Check & Change on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au to have your UAC PIN re-issued.
If you have not yet applied, you can have your UAC PIN re-issued by calling UAC on (02) 9752 0200. You will be asked some identification questions. If your details match our database you will be re-issued with your UAC PIN over the telephone. If they do not match, you will be asked to write to UAC requesting your UAC PIN be re-issued, or you can come to UAC in person.

Changing your UAC PIN
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☑ Have you provided a current and correct email address?
It is very important that UAC has a current and correct email address because you will be notified by email about any correspondence we send to you.
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☑ Do you need to provide supplementary information?
Some 2012 Year 12 students may need to submit supplementary information as part of their application. When you apply make sure you read the instructions carefully to see whether you need to provide additional information (eg STAT sitting).

☑ Do you need someone to act on your behalf?
You must also separately notify the NSW Board of Studies of your new address. To change your address with the NSW Board of Studies write a letter to: NSW Board of Studies, Attention: Records, GPO Box 5300, SYDNEY 2001.
You must include your full name, student number, school, former address and new address.

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- providing a letter that authorises someone to act on your behalf.

Are you an international student?
If you are an international student studying a 2012 Australian Year 12, either in Australia or offshore, an International Baccalaureate or a New Zealand National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA) Level 3 in 2012 then you’ll need a copy of the UAC 2013 International Booklet.
The booklet will help you apply through UAC for study in 2013. See your careers adviser to obtain your copy.
For more information visit the UAC website at www.uac.edu.au/international, or call UAC on + 61 2 9752 0200.

☑ Are you eligible to apply for Educational Access Schemes?
All institutions in NSW and the ACT, as well as some interstate institutions, have Educational Access Schemes (EAS) designed to help provide access to university for students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage beyond their control or choosing, such as:
- disrupted schooling
- financial hardship
- personal illness/disability
- home environment and responsibilities.

UAC’s 2013 EAS Booklet contains information about the schemes and includes an application form. You can download the EAS booklet and application form from UAC’s website from 8 August. Copies will also be available from schools and participating institutions from early August 2012.
If you think you are eligible, start organising your EAS application as early as possible – you may need to supply supporting documents and statements. The on-time closing date for EAS applications is Friday 28 September 2012 – you must submit your EAS application by this date to ensure that it will be considered in time for the Main Round of offers.
Charges and fees for 2013 admissions

UAC 2013 Guide
For domestic Year 12 NSW and ACT students (distributed through schools)
Free

UAC 2013 International Booklet
For international Australian Year 12 students (distributed through schools)
Free

Processing charge
Domestic Year 12 applicants
$27.00
Non-Year 12 applicants
$58.00
International Year 12 applicants
$66.00

Late fee (for domestic applicants only)
29 September – 31 October 2012
processing charge + $119 late fee
1 November – 30 November 2012
processing charge + $137 late fee
1 December 2012 – 31 January 2013
processing charge + $147 late fee

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)
Sit one test (either Multiple Choice or Written English)
$125.00
Sit both tests on same day
$175.00
Sit both tests on different days
$250.00
Special sitting (one test)
$175.00
Special sitting (both tests on same day)
$228.00
Change STAT registration
$50.00
Additional STAT result notice
$50.00

Changing course preferences
Check & Change
No UAC charge

All UAC charges and fees are in A$ and include 10 per cent GST. Please apply carefully as UAC will not refund charges or fees under any circumstances.

Check & Change
After you have applied online using Apply on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au, you can use Check & Change to:

• view/print your confirmation of application
• print your document cover sheet
• check/change your address, email address and telephone number
• check/change your course preferences
• change your UAC PIN
• view and download correspondence from UAC
• print your fee-owing letter/tax invoice
• print a disability questionnaire
• add/modify study or qualifications on your application.

Note:
• there is no UAC charge for Check & Change
• you will need your UAC application number and UAC PIN
• Check & Change is available between 7.30am and midnight Sydney local time
• if you need to alter other details relating to your application, write to UAC as soon as possible.

Contacting UAC

telephone: +61 2 9752 0200
website: www.uac.edu.au
email: use the online enquiry form on UAC’s website
post: Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128
in person: Quad 2, 8 Parkview Drive, Sydney Olympic Park NSW
office hours: 8.30am–4.30pm (Sydney local time) Monday to Friday

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