**The NEED to KNOW guide of UAC and QTAC**

**This document has been compiled to give you a QUICK over view of University applications. Remember to carefully consider all options before submitting any type of application. Make sure you research your choice by consulting your UAC or QTAC Guide, the MSPC Careers Moodle or specific Universities websites and brochures.**

**Please ensure you have completed the Google Form sent to your student email by Mr Lynch ASAP**

**Section 1: Early Admission Schemes to Universities**

1. ***Via UAC – known as Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS).***

*The following* Institutions are participating in the SRS scheme:-

* Australian National University
* Charles Sturt University
* La Trobe University
* Macquarie University
* University of Canberra
* University of Technology Sydney
* University of Western Sydney

Applications **open August 6th** and **close September 30th**

Any changes need to be made by the closing date.

In order to apply you will need a 4 digit PIN which will be mailed to your home address. You will also need this PIN for normal undergraduate application processes via UAC.

***DO NOT MISPLACE YOUR UAC PIN, KEEP IT IN A SAFE PLACE!!***

**Applying through SRS**

In order to apply for SRS and for normal undergraduate applications you need to go to

**http:// www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/apply/**

This will generate your UAC application number which you will use (along with your PIN) to then apply for SRS by going to

 **www.uac.edu.au/srs/apply**

See section 3.7 on p.18 of the UAC Guide for information regarding offers. Once you have received and accepted an offer from UAC via the SRS, you will be able to go back and make further changes to your preferences.

Students then answer three questions – Why do you want to complete Tertiary Studies? Why do you think you will succeed at Tertiary studies? Why should your school recommend you for SRS? (You have 1000 characters including spaces to answer each question). Plan your answers in a Word document and then copy and paste into the SRS document once it is perfect. Once you put it into the SRS document it will automatically convert to UPPERCASE (that’s OK).

Early Entry courses must be placed as your Number 1 preference in order to receive an offer through this system in the December Round. Some offers are unconditional which can be accepted straight away, while others will be conditional (these will not be finalised until the Early January Round).

Once you receive an OFFER - ACCEPT IT, you can always withdraw from it later if you don’t wish to continue with that offer.

If you wish to try and receive another offer in the MAIN ROUND you MUST reorder your preferences by the 7th January.

***Remember Southern Cross University and the University of New England both have direct entry so do not use the SRS system to apply to these Universities for Early Entry. Use their individual application processes.***

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***Read this carefully before applying through SRS!***

***Ensure you have followed all steps!!***

**UNE Early Entry Scheme -**

Follow the instructions given – this will mean completing your details and

Then emailing the application to Mr Lynch for him to complete the schools

Recommendations section. In order to have your application completed by the due date

You need to email the application to **Mr Lynch by September 5th**

**Go to - www.une.edu.au/earlyentry**

**SCU’s STAR Entry scheme**.

Applications **open now** and **close September 10th**  **2014**. Have your applications completed by August 29th to allow Mr Lynch time to complete the relevant documentation.

For an offer to be made you **MUST** also have applied to QTAC or UAC and have your STAR entry first choice listed as your first preference with either QTAC or UAC in the early offer rounds.

 ***(Once you have received and accepted an unconditional offer for early admission via QTAC or UAC , you can then make further changes to your preferences.)***  Following your Trial HSC, a representative from SCU will visit us and assist with the STAR entry application – so delay your application for this scheme until after the visit has taken place.

**-The visit has been confirmed for 1.00pm on Thursday the 21st of August 2014 in SLAB 1-**

You will need to bring your laptop and have your first and second preferences worked out for the STAR scheme application. Venue will be advised later.

**Go to - www.scu.edu.au/star**

**Griffith Connect-Valued Partners Scheme.**

Mt St Patrick College This entitles you to some benefits in applying to Griffith University:

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** One guaranteed scholarship of $3000 is offered to a student of a partner school. Additionally, further scholarships can be offered to suitable candidates. Application forms can be downloaded from the Griffith site. An anticipated ATAR of 90+ is required for eligibility.

**Application closing date is 20 September 2014**. However, if you wish to be nominated for the Guaranteed Scholarship you will be required to have the application to Mr Lynch by 29thAugust – this is to enable Mr Lynch to have sufficient time to complete his section of the form.

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION SCHEME** : This scheme grants appropriately qualified students, based on Year 11 and Semester 1 Year 12 results, guaranteed admission into Griffith University Programs. This year you will need to scan and attach copies of your academic transcripts (reports). The closing date for submission of your application is 20 September, but once again you will be required to have it to Mr Lynch by 29th August , if you wish to be considered. For further information, and to download application forms for scholarships and Early entry go to member only information section using the following:

**Go to - www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-connect**

**Username:** Griffith

**Griffith Password**: Connect2014

***(Note: Username and password are both case sensitive.)***

The above website also allows you to check if the course you desire is able to be accessed via this early admission scheme**. In order to receive an offer you will need to have your course listed as your highest preference with QTAC or UAC.**

**-Griffith university is coming to visit at 1.00pm on Friday the 22nd of August 2014**-

Early Entry for Griffith University application are made online go to:

**https://connect.gu.gji.com.au/w.griffith.edu.au/griffith-connect**

**Section 2: UAC APPLICATIONS 2015**

* 6 August 2014 Applications open
* 30 September 2014 On-time applications close
* 17 December 2014 HSC results released by Board of Studies
* 18 December 2014 ATARs released 2015
* 7 January 2015 Change of preference close for Main Round
* 21 January 2015 Main Round offers – at 6 pm

 **Notes :**

1. As mentioned earlier, in early August you should receive in the mail, a UAC pin of 4 digits – ***you need to use this number when you apply to UAC***. It is different to your BOS number. See p.23 of the guide and read Section 5.4 for information regarding your UAC PIN.

2. You will be given your UAC application number once you have applied and received your Confirmation of Application. **(*See section 5.5in UAC Guide)***

3. You can choose up to 9 preferences on UAC – list them in order of preference with your most desired course as your 1st preference. **(*See p.24in UAC Guide)***

4. The processing charge is $29 – you can pay via Mastercard, Visa, BPay, Australia Post, Billpay or PayPal. **(*Section 5.7 p.24in UAC Guide)***

5. You can change your preferences a limited number of times for free ***UNTIL 7 January*** for the Main Round of offers , this almost 3 weeks after your ATAR is known.

6. Read ***pages 23 to 31*** of your 2014-15 UAC Guide carefully BEFORE you see Mr Lynch with any Questions

**Section 3: QTAC APPLICATIONS 2015**

* 5 August 2014 - Applications open
* 19 September 2014 - On time applications close
* 15 January 2104 - Offer information released on QTAC website

**Notes:**

1. Cost of application is $35 ***(see p.55 for payment options).***

2. You are allowed 6 preferences on QTAC. ***(see p.56 for info. on ordering preferences).***

3. You get 3 free changes of preference - $35 per change for subsequent changes.

4. To log in online you will need your BOS student number.

5. Instructions for applying are presented in **Steps 8-12 on pages 53-60**

6. **Read pages 53 to 60** of the 2015 QTAC booklet carefully BEFORE you come to Mr Lynch

**Section 4: OTHER INTERSTATE APPLICATIONS**

The school only recieves copies of booklets for NSW and Qld – you will need to order your own copies

of other interstate tertiary admission booklets if you wish to apply to other states. Information

can be found on page 30 of UAC guide or page 52 of QTAC booklet.

**Section 5: Other University Information**

**AWAY FROM HOME ACCOMMODATION**

If you are planning to study away from home you need to be considering your accommodation options. If you plan to stay in on-campus accommodation, you need to find out how and when to apply. Some universities require you to make early application. Go to the website of the University of your choice and search accommodation options available to you **NOW**, to ensure that you don’t miss out.

Some information is available in the UAC/QTAC guides

* Macquarie Uni on-campus providers can be found on p.240;
* University of Queensland go to p.75/76 of QTAC guide.

**Note to Boys wishing to attend the University of Queensland and apply to St Leo’s College for University Accommodation, they will be visiting the school for interviews Monday September 1st– 11.15 – 12.00. Talk this over with parents before applying as there is a significant financial component involved.**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

There are scholarships on offer at most universities. Some scholarships were not awarded this year simply because no-one bothered to apply. Give yourself a chance by applying even if you are not confident of getting a scholarship – you have to be in it to win it!

Each university offers scholarships and some of the faculties within the universities also offer course specific scholarships. Some are based on academic performance alone, but many are not. Use Google to access scholarship information at the university/ies of your choice e.g. type in University of Sydney financial assistance in Agricultural Science faculty. Each university has an entry in UAC/QTAC guides and they have websites for scholarship information.

Also use the myfuture website to get updated scholarship information. UAC offers an application process for Equity Scholarships to assist financially disadvantaged students. See page 39 of the 2014-15 UAC Guide for application details.

QTAC operates an Educational Access Scheme for students who have experienced difficult circumstances that have adversely impacted on their studies. Supporting documentation is required. (To apply, refer to page 35 of the 2015 QTAC booklet.)

For further information on financial help see QTAC guide pages 50 and 51.

**ANY QUESTION PLEASE COME AND SEE ME. IF YOU ARE NOT AT SCHOOL SEND ME AN EMAIL WITH YOUR QUESTION TO:**

**mursc-careersadvisor@lism.catholic.edu.au**

**BEST OF LUCK AND REGARDS**

**MR LYNCH**

**MY UAC NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**QTAC APPLICATION (6 preferences)**

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**UAC APPLICATION (9 Preferences)**

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