

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We are mid-way through the term break and I wanted to touch base. On behalf of the staff of Moorebank High School I hope that you and your family are experiencing a safe and bonding time together.

It is a very tough time for all involved and I'm sure many parents are equally, if not more stressed than some students. I'm confident the best way to minimise this stress is to ensure a consistent flow of information to parents as well as students. I apologise in advance for the length of this email; however, I feel that to ensure that all relevant information for Year 12 is being communicated I should send this to you all.

The following information comes from Peter Lewis (Moorebank High School's Careers Adviser):

A lot of the information from NESAs, UAC and Universities/TAFE etc. was originally posted on the Year 12 Google Classroom site set up by their Year Adviser Suzy Edwards. However, due to the ever changing environment and almost daily updates from the above organisations, Mr. Lewis has created a dedicated Year 12 Careers Google Classroom so that the "tsunami" of information did not obscure from the important wellbeing information. At this stage only 75 of the 166 students have joined this site. It is imperative that this site is accessed as all the information regarding early entry schemes, educational access scheme and other pertinent information is being passed on via this site. Mr Lewis also emails the Year 12 students via their school email address. My concern is the ever increasing queries from parents and students would indicate to me that this information is not being accessed.

I have included the information below to assist parents and students (this can all be found on the Google Classroom and in Year 12 students' school emails. The code for the Careers Google Classroom is available by students checking their school emails or by contacting the school when we return.)

Early Entry: I will forward information on Early Entry schemes as they get nearer. Most only open around August. Now is too early as changes due to the virus may force changes to dates, requirements and procedures. Universities are currently "scrambling" to determine the best way forward.

Not all Universities offer early entry. Links below for current information on the major ones:

University of Sydney E-12 Early Entry Scheme:

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/admission-pathways/early-offer-year-12-scheme.html>

Macquarie University Early and Alternative Entry schemes:

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions/entry-requirements/domestic/macquarie-entry/macquarie-entry-navigator>

UNSW does not offer Early Entry

UTS Alternative Entry Schemes:

<https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/admission-requirements/admissions-schemes>

Western Sydney University Early Entry:

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward.html>

University of Wollongong Early Entry (remember UOW Liverpool campus):

<https://www.uow.edu.au/study/high-school/uow-early-admission/>

Parents should also be aware of the Schools Recommendation Scheme:

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) are one-way institutions make early offers of undergraduate admission to Year 12 students. They do this by using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR.

WHO CAN APPLY?

To apply for SRS you must be a Year 12 applicant who is attempting:

- an Australian Year 12 qualification in 2020, or
- an International Baccalaureate in Australia in 2020.

You must also be a UAC applicant for undergraduate admission in 2020–21 and:

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or
- a permanent resident of Australia or holder of an Australian permanent resident humanitarian visa.

INSTITUTION CRITERIA

Participating institutions may use one or more of the following criteria listed when considering your application:

- your Year 11 studies
- your school's rating of your aptitudes
- your Educational Access Schemes (EAS) application (if applicable)
- institution-specific documents (if applicable).

Institutions will then make offers based:

- solely on SRS criteria
- on both SRS criteria and ATAR/selection rank
- on SRS criteria and ATAR and equity criteria.

Each institution has its own policy for determining SRS eligibility and making offers. For example, you may also have to submit an EAS application by institution-defined date/s, or attend a school in a particular region.

SRS is not available for all courses. The institution-specific SRS criteria detail any exceptions.

Full information available at:

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/schools-recommendation-schemes>

For students who had significant educational disadvantage for at least 6 months during year 11 and / or Year 12 they should make themselves aware of the Educational Access Scheme.

Educational Access Schemes (EAS) aim to help students, whose education has been negatively affected during Year 11 and/or Year 12 (or equivalent), receive an offer to university.

WHO CAN APPLY?

To apply for EAS you must be able to demonstrate that your Year 11 and/or Year 12 studies (or equivalent) were negatively affected for a period of at least six months as a result of circumstances beyond your control or choosing.

You must also be:

- a UAC undergraduate applicant
- an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or a permanent resident of Australia (including a holder of an Australian permanent resident humanitarian visa).

International students cannot apply for EAS.

Current Year 12 applicants

If you are a current Year 12 student, disadvantages that occur after October 2020 are not eligible for EAS assessment, as they will not have had an impact on your Year 12 educational performance.

Full information at:

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/educational-access-schemes>

Scholarships: Without exaggeration, there are well in excess of 1000 scholarships on offer all for differing Universities / Courses / campuses / accommodations with each targeted at different groups.

It is not possible to even start to cover the range of possibilities other than to recommend that students google the (institution / course / scholarships) and carefully read the eligibility criteria. Students were all demonstrated "Jobjump" the website Moorebank High subscribes to that comprehensively lists the scholarships available for each institution. As a matter of priority, I will repost instructions on how to log in to Jobjump and where to find scholarship information on the Year 12 google classroom.

UAC issues:

With the release of UAC pin numbers on 1st April, many students have contacted the Careers Adviser because:

- * they didn't receive their PIN
- * they received their PIN but can't get into their account
- * they can't find their preferred course listed as an option

Due to privacy laws, NESA and UAC can't divulge any of their information to anyone but the account holder. This is something only the student can resolve. If a student didn't receive their PIN or can't access their account with the PIN provided, they must **contact UAC on 9752 0200**. Students will need their NESA number. If they don't have it, they need to email the Careers Adviser, and he can provide it to them. Careers Adviser email:

peter.lewis51@det.nsw.edu.au

Many institutions don't put up all course offerings for 2021 till August 2020. Students can add preferences or change preferences right through till the cut off dates (refer previous document posted "Important UAC dates") so if the preferred course is not listed, check back later in the year.

Below is a link to a YouTube video on How to apply to UAC for University entry as a Year 12 student. Parents would gain a very good understanding of the UAC application process by watching this short video clip:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=uznSlo s 4U&feature=emb_title

TAFE: Whilst the bulk of this information has related to University pathways, TAFE is a most valuable provider of post school courses. These courses range from Certificate, Associate Diploma, and Diploma to Degree levels. None of these require an ATAR. Application is direct to TAFE, not via UAC. These courses are more vocational (practical) and less theoretical than University courses and are provided in a more supportive learning environment. (More typical of a school classroom rather than a lecture theatre with 300+ other students at the same time as with a university). Students interested in TAFE courses should contact and discuss these with the Careers Adviser and it is recommended prospective university students see TAFE as a genuine "back up" strategy if their ATAR falls short of university entry.

Information on TAFE can be found at:

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/courses>

From WENDY FISHER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER Re: EAS

On Wednesday 22 April from 4pm, Adam Hennessy from the UAC Access Team will be hosting a Facebook Q&A live session on Educational Access Schemes. Educational Access Schemes (EAS) aim to help students, whose education has been negatively affected during Year 11 and/or Year 12 (or equivalent), receive an offer to university www.uac.edu.au/futureapplicants/scholarships-and-schemes/educational-access-schemes

Please let your students and parent community know about this session as it will be the perfect opportunity to ask questions.

Here is the link to the UAC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/uacinfo/>

Kind regards,

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