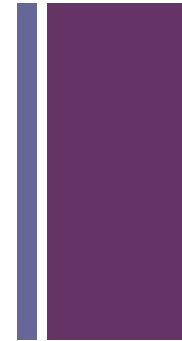


University Applications Information Session
Year 12 – Dickson College

2018

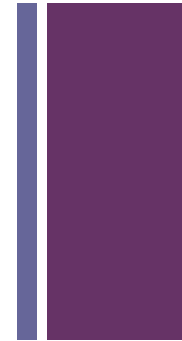
+ What is UAC/VTAC?

- UAC – Universities Admissions Centre
 - For all unis in NSW & ACT
- VTAC – Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre
- Application services
 - Tertiary courses
 - Admissions tests (e.g. STAT/CASPER)
 - Scholarships 2018
 - EAS/SEAS 2018 (Special consideration)

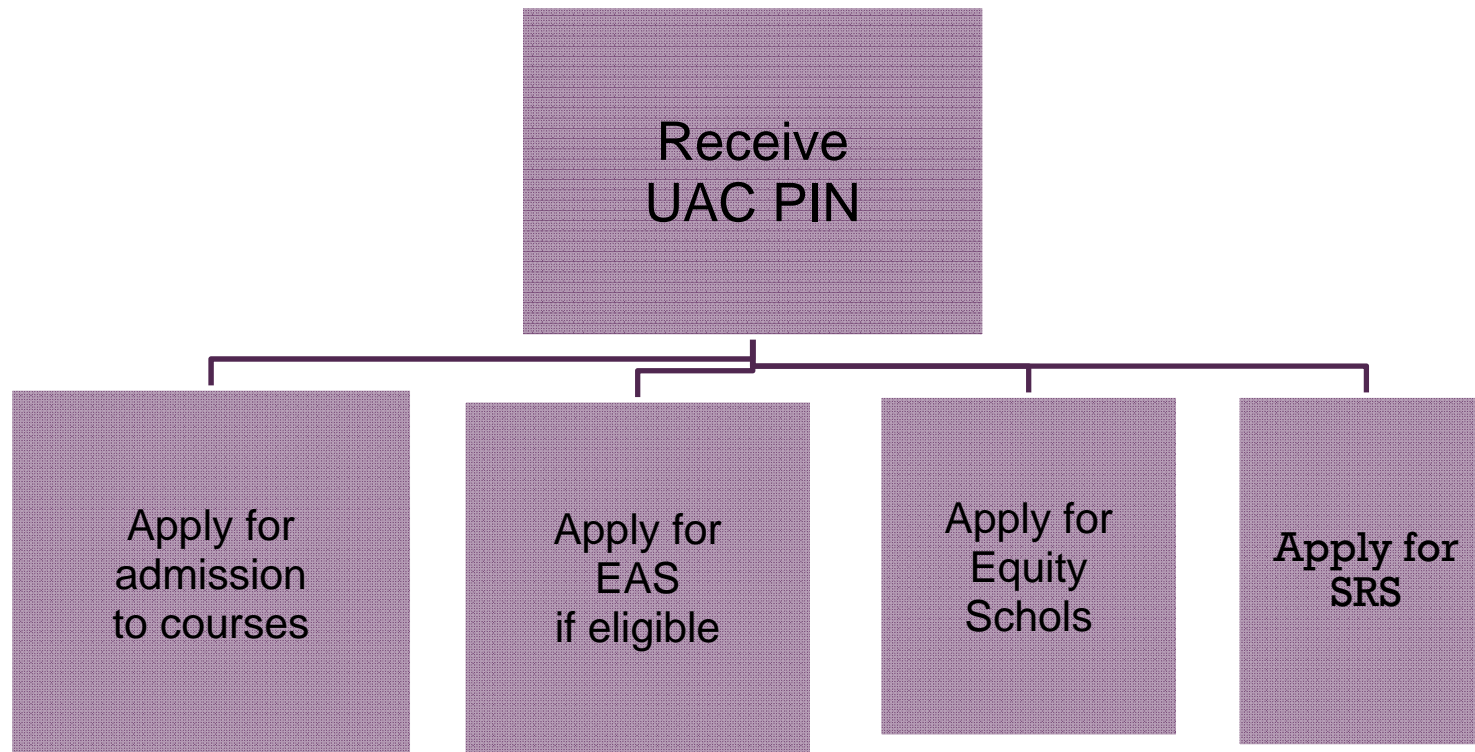


+ Different States, Different Applications

- NSW and ACT - UAC (www.uac.edu.au)
- Victoria - VTAC (www.vtac.edu.au)
- Queensland - QTAC (www.qtac.edu.au)
- South Australia - SATAC (www.satac.edu.au)
- Western Australia - TISC (www.tisc.edu.au)
- Tasmania – UTAS (www.utas.edu.au)
- Northern Territory – (www.cdu.edu.au)



+ Applying - UAC



+ Applying information - UAC

- UAC PINs sent in early August
- applications opened on Wednesday 1 August
- students go to UAC website and select UAC Undergraduate for Australian citizens
- have course code/s ready or can choose drop down menu
- click on Apply
- pay \$70 (if before 28 September; otherwise a late fee of \$200 applies – You'd be super silly sausages for not applying on time (even if you don't know what you want to study)
- You must get a Tax File Number. – post office for this



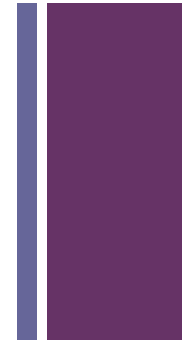
+ Choosing Courses

- Students list up to 5 preferences in the way they want them considered = favourites first*
- Check Guide or search for courses on website or MyUAC app free to download
- Be aware of any **Essential requirements (compulsory) or Admission criteria (which may or may not be compulsory)**
- Some courses have additional requirements: interview, audition, personal statement etc.
- **NEED TO CHECK COURSES CAREFULLY**



+ After applying

- use *Check & Change* on UAC's website to:
 - ✓ check application
 - ✓ check/change contact details
 - ✓ check/change courses
 - ✓ change UAC PIN or get a reminder
 - ✓ upload documents
 - ✓ download correspondence
 - ✓ download offer letter

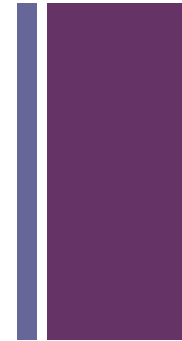


+ Deferring? GAP YEAR?

- If you intend to take a gap year – you should still apply for uni NOW!
- each uni has its own policy - must follow instructions
- deferred place is guaranteed
- apply again direct to uni or through UAC if you want to change course
- if through UAC, can list other courses above deferred course
- transferring can be very competitive – again check uni policy
- You should accept ALL offers you are given and then put that preference lower to be considered for other offers (will explain this in more detail later) – Can remove UAC accepted offers but not VTAC
- Your ATAR is relevant for 2 years.

+ Important dates

- On-time close
Fri 28 Sept
- SRS applications close
Fri 28 Sept
- EAS close
Thu 28 Sep (**for early bird**)
Closing date for eligibility letters
23 Nov (**for Dec Rd 2**)
- ATARs released (ACT)
Fri 14 Dec
- November rd (SRS cond/unconditional)
14 Nov
- **Change prefs close for Dec Rd 1**
2 Dec
- December Rd 1 offers
6 Dec
- **Change Prefs close for Dec Rd 2**
16 Dec
- December Rd 2 offers
20 Dec
- **Change Prefs close for Jan Rd 1**
6 Jan
- Jan Rd 1 offers
11 Jan





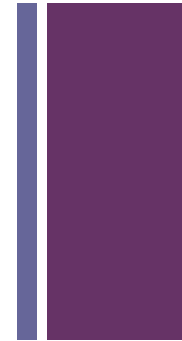
Education Access Schemes

- EAS are available for educationally disadvantaged students in a number of categories
- To be eligible for consideration you must be:
 - A UAC applicant for undergraduate admission
 - An Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident
 - Able to demonstrate that you have experienced long-term **educational** disadvantage



+ EAS

- You are encouraged to apply by the on-time closing date of 28 September
- If apply for EAS before 23 November you could receive your EAS eligibility letter in December to consider it with your preferences.
- Final closing date for consideration is 1 January for Jan Rd 1 2018 offers
- EAS applications opened 1 August and remain open throughout the admissions period



+ EAS process

- Apply on-line (supporting documents can be uploaded)
- Submit an application in addition to your UAC application
- Complete the application form (need to have supporting documentation)
- Documentation does not need to be certified
- **Needs to be completed and supported documents uploaded in time to get to UAC by the due dates**



+ School Recommendation Scheme (SRS)

- SRS schemes aim to assist access to higher education to assist current year 12 students using a wide selection criteria other than (or in addition) to the ATAR.
- These include school recommendations and senior secondary studies.
- Every uni participating in the scheme have their own policies on determining SRS eligibility and making offers. Not all courses may be eligible
- All students who apply through UAC can apply for an SRS place

+ SRS College Process

- Apply through UAC - select SRS Make an appointment to see a careers advisor
 - Obtain copy of academic record
 - Obtain ATAR estimate
- Complete supporting statement
- Nominate your teacher referee
- Meet with Principal (or Principal's representative) and submit application
- closing date for SRS applications to be processed by the college is Monday 24 September (week 10)

(The actual UAC closing date is later but you need to be rated by the school and we need time to do this)



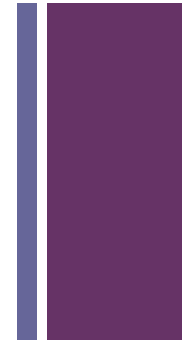
+ SRS Participating Universities

- ❑ Australian Catholic University
- ❑ Australian National University
- ❑ Charles Sturt University
- ❑ Macquarie University
- ❑ National Art School
- ❑ SAE Creative Media Institute
- ❑ University of Sydney
- University of Canberra
- University of Newcastle
- University of New England
- University of Technology Sydney
- International College of Management Sydney
- Top Education Institute



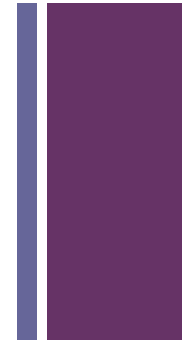
+ SRS Offers

- In order to receive an offer students **MUST** have the preferred course of study on their list of preferences.
- There are two types of SRS offers:
 - Unconditional (only receive one offer)
 - Conditional (receive more than one)
- If you receive an unconditional offer there are no further requirements for you to meet
- You may also need to meet other requirements set by an institute or upload institution-specific documents



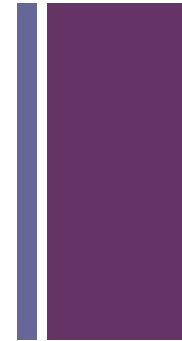
+ Changing preferences and adjustment factors

- Adjustment factors can increase the selection rank *for a particular course* so important when choosing courses check all information
- links to uni info and interstate comparabilities are on the website
- unis allocate adjustment factors based on different criteria (eg subject adjustment factors, regional bonuses, EAS. Elite athlete)
- can get offer with ATAR below the cut-off



+ VTAC application process

- Similar to UAC but students will need to apply for a PIN and create an account
- Do this process on the VTAC website
- VTAC has 8 preferences
- You must choose an application group
 - I. Current yr 12s
 - II. Recent secondary education



+ Key dates and fees

Key dates for 2018-2019 applications	
Applications open \$36 for current Year 12 students \$54 for all others	Monday 6 August 2018
Timely applications close	5pm, Thursday 27 September 2018
SEAS applications close	5pm, Thursday 27 September 2018
Get preferences right by	5pm, Wednesday 19 December 2018
Window open on 4 Jan	10am to 4pm
5 rounds but most made in Rd 1 Full list of dates: http://www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html (Late processing fee to \$104 after 2 Nov and then to \$137 after 7 Dec)	

+ Use personal, not school email addresses

Important VTAC emails (such as course offers) continue to be sent into January and February.

If a school has switched off email accounts after Year 12 students have graduated, students will not be able to access their offer.

+ Permissions and supplementary offers

- We recommend that all applicants give permission to receive supplementary offers in the event that they do not receive an offer in Round 1 or Round 2
- This permission can be changed from the 'Course Application' tab in their VTAC account

INFORMATION RELEASE

1. VTAC is currently negotiating with the media to publish offer names on their media platforms (print, digital) for first and second offer intakes in 2017.

If the negotiations are successful do you give permission for VTAC to publish your name and offer details in the media (print, digital)

Yes No

2. Supplementary offers is a service that allows courses with vacancies to make offers to applicants who have received no offers up until and including Round two for 2017. In the event that you don't receive any offers for the first and second intakes in January and February 2017 we need your consent before we forward your details onto courses with vacancies. You can **opt out** of this process at any time

Do you consent to have your personal details provided to general tertiary courses with vacancies so that you may participate in the Supplementary Offer process?

Yes No

3. The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has asked to provide the contact details of applicants to assist them identify who is and isn't on the Victorian Electoral Roll so that they can contact you about enrolling. Before we can do this we need your consent.

Do you consent to have VTAC pass on your contact details to the VEC?

Yes No

(Please note that this does not constitute an electoral enrolment)

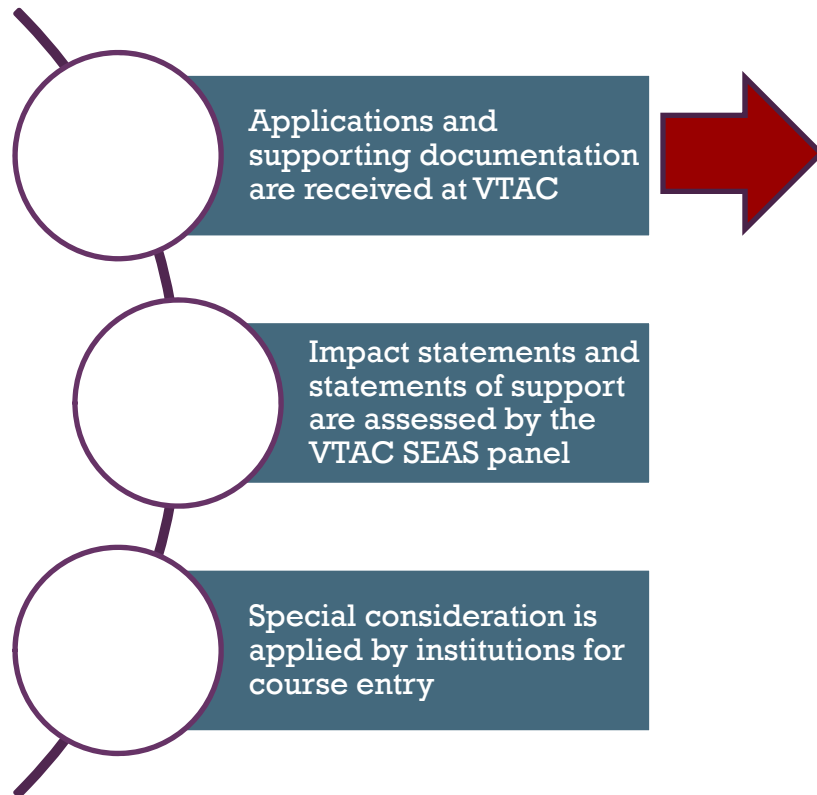
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+ Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) similar to EAS

- Some institutions run their own special consideration schemes instead of or in addition to SEAS
 - See policy statements on the VTAC website for details
- Primarily for students who have suffered disadvantage that has affected their education.
 - **Except:** Category 1 (Personal Information and Location) – everyone should apply
- Submit by 5pm 27 September – review date
 - Can submit by 12 October but these will not be reviewed.

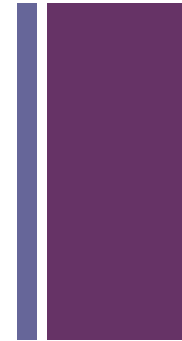


+ The SEAS process



- Uploaded documentation is checked for legibility and approved. Applicant notified if uploaded documentation is rejected.
- Hardcopy documents, uploaded documents, and online statements of support are all attached to the SEAS application.

+ SEAS Categories



Apply online after submitting course application, for as many categories as are relevant, but do not claim the same circumstances under multiple categories.

Category 1: Personal information and location

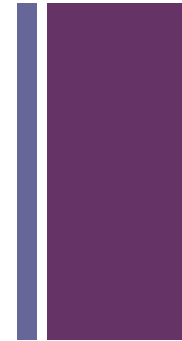
Category 2: Disadvantaged financial background

Category 3: Disability or medical condition

Category 4: Difficult circumstances

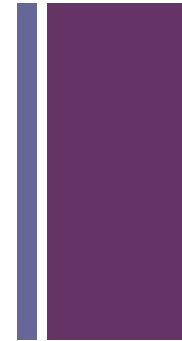
+ Separating the condition/circumstance from the impact

- From this year onwards, the form for impact statements and statements of support is split into two sections:
 - Circumstances/condition (500 characters)
 - Impact on education (1500 characters)
- For both impact and supporting statements, **impact** and **evidence** is key
- Significantly revamped information about SEAS, including lists of good/bad content, who is best placed to write statements, what information is not necessary
 - See the website and *VTACmag* for details



+ Automatic processing of some refugee circumstances

- In some cases, we will now be able to automatically process refugee circumstances for SEAS and Scholarships without requiring impact statements and statements of support
- This is based on visa subclass
- Eligible applicants will be notified when completing the SEAS and/or Scholarships application that statements are not required for their refugee circumstances
- Instead they will be prompted to supply a copy of their passport or ImmiCard



+ Responding to an offer

- To **accept** an offer, follow the instructions in the offer advice to enrol at the institution.
 - No separate acceptance notification to UAC?VTAC is needed.
- To **defer** an offer, contact the institution.
 - Not all courses allow deferment.
- To **reject** an offer, take no action.
 - The offer will automatically lapse if the applicant has not enrolled by the deadline.



+ Always accept an offer

- Even if a student is hoping for a higher preference offer in a later round, they should still accept any offer they have received
- There is no guarantee of receiving another offer in a later round
- If they do receive another offer in a later round, they can withdraw from the earlier offer at that point
- Once you have accepted your offer, you will not be able to delete it from preferences In VTAC but should move it to the bottom if you want to be considered for other offers.



+ Didn't get an offer, or the offer you wanted?

- Applicants are automatically considered for any higher preferences in future offer rounds
- When **Change of Preference** reopens, consider adding more backup course options
 - Preferences can now be changed between all five rounds
 - Make use of all five/eight preferences – very popular courses may have filled all their places in Round 1



+ Other useful resources

- **Come and see us in the Careers Office!!!!!!**
- **Information on scholarships, courses, statistics:**
www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/ or
- **University rankings and satisfaction statistics:**
www.myuniversity.gov.au or www.quilt.edu.au
- **VTAC and UAC have a apps available that you can download from 1 August.**
- **VTAC also have a video series on the YouTube channel**
www.youtube.com/vtacmedia
- **Go to as many open days as you can. Lifestyle is an important thing to think about as well as your course.**



+ Conversion

<http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/interstate.shtml>

The table shows the comparable NSW HSC Band for each ACT mark.

ACT scaled mark	NSW HSC Band	NSW HSC Band Extension subjects
180+	6	E4
159–179	5	E3
142–158	4	E3
130–141	3	E2
125–129	2	E1
1–124	1	E1



Conversion from ACT to Vic

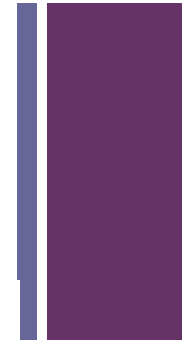


ACT Scaled Score Meets Victorian Prerequisite at a specified level

205	50
202	49
200	48
197	47
195	46
192	45
189	44
186	43
184	42
181	41
178	40
174	39

+ Conversion

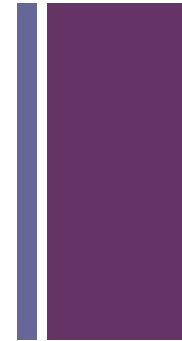
<http://www.vtac.edu.au/pdf/interstate-scoring-conversion.pdf>



ACT Scaled score	Meets Victorian Prerequisite at a specified level of
171	38
167	37
164	36
160	35
157	34
153	33
149	32
146	31
142	30
139	29
135	28
132	27
128	26
124	25
107	20
16	10

+ Things students get wrong

- Losing their UAC PIN
- Applying after 28 September
- Not paying
- Missing deadlines
- Using an email address they don't check
- Not understanding preferences – unwise order, unrealistic choices, being late for change of preference, not moving offers out of the way
- Ignoring prerequisites (and assumed knowledge)/additional selection criteria
- Letting offers lapse
- Google class code is **r17tc3**
- In VTAC don't use authorised nominee unless absolutely necessary



+ Education requirements

- For ACT need to also submit a statement (read all requirements carefully)
- For Victoria need to sit CASPER test – compulsory for most courses (fee of \$80) – 1 sitting per test year – must book for a certain date and time (demonstration test available) – students do not receive results and different results accepted by different unis.

