



## ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE CAMPBELLTOWN

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**Dear Year 12 Students,**

Re: University Applications

Applications for study in 2020 will open on **Wednesday 3 April**. You will be able to apply for undergraduate and international as well as Schools Recommendation Schemes, Educational Access Schemes and Equity Scholarships.

Although not all courses for 2020 will be available I encourage you to choose one course to complete your application and come back later to review and change your preferences. All semester 1, 2020 courses will be available from August as per usual.

Early bird and SRS applications will close at the end of September and offer rounds and other deadlines will remain the same as previous years. Dates will be available on [UAC's website](#) from 3 April. These dates are also on the Career's Noticeboard.

### **UAC PINS**

Students will receive their PINs on Wednesday 3 April and will be able to apply straight away. PIN emails will be sent to the email address NESA has on file.

Students need to update their email address with NESA, preferably to a personal email address (rather than a school email address), so they can be contacted when ATARs and offers come out in December and January.

### **CHECK THE COURSE START DATE**

It is important to check the course start date before adding any courses to your preferences to avoid applying for a semester 2, 2019 course. If your preferred course isn't listed for first semester 2020, choose one course to complete your application and come back later to review and change your preferences.

## UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

For an up-close experience of university life, I would encourage you to attend a University Open Day. Dates for 2019 are [available now](#).

## THE UAC GUIDE

The UAC Guide will be arriving at the school from the end of March.

This year's Guide has been streamlined. It will still have all the essential information about applying and a list of courses to be offered in 2020. Comprehensive course descriptions will be added to [UAC's website](#) as they are finalised by the universities. I encourage you to check the site regularly.

The Guide also includes information for international students this year – rather than in a separate booklet – it contains everything you need to know about applying for University in one handy publication.

## COURSE COMPASS

If you need help deciding which University course to apply for, go to [Course Compass](#). They can answer a few quick questions about their HSC subjects and Course Compass will display the fields of study offered to recent applicants just like them. They can also drill down to institutions offering courses that might suit them.

## APPLYING THROUGH UAC vs DIRECT APPLICATIONS

UAC application allows students to apply for courses across 27 institutions. Some of those institutions also offer direct applications just for their own courses. It's important for students considering a direct application to remember the following:

- not all institutions accept direct applications from Year 12 students
- having a UAC application also allows you to apply for EAS, SRS and Equity Scholarships
- having a UAC application as well as a direct application will give you more chance of securing an offer, so long as you don't enter the same preferences in both applications.

I will let you know when the UAC guide is available at school. Please save your PIN and apply for one course as suggested by the letter.

Kind regards

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Career's Advisor