

Year 12: What happens next (offers, admissions & support)

As our Year 12 students finish classes this week, here's what happens next - and how the Futures & Pathways team will support you right through results and offers. Please keep this for your fridge/phone and reach out any time if you're unsure about a step.

We're here for you!

Ms Cilia will be available by email and for 1:1 meeting as usual during Term 4 and by email and Teams across results/offer rounds. If you need some help with creating applications (UAC, EAS etc), please come and see Ms Massara. If you're feeling uncertain at any point, reach out early. There's almost always a good pathway forward.

To do now (by Tuesday 30 September 2025)

- Create your UAC account and submit/pay the early-bird processing charge (\$82) by 11:59pm, Tue 30 Sep. After this date the standard fee applies (\$215).
- You can change your preferences as many times as you like after you apply (no extra cost).
- If you need assistance creating your UAC account, please see Ms Massara or email nmassara@mlcsyd.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION SCHEME

Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS): an early-offer pathway based on your school's ratings and Year 11 results. Unlike other Early Entry schemes offered by many universities, SRS is through UAC. Key SRS dates this year:

- Closing date to apply for SRS was 5 Sep
- Deadline to add SRS preferences in UAC to be considered for first SRS offers: Thu 6 Nov
- SRS offers released: Thu 13 Nov (more SRS offers on Thu 27 Nov and Thu 11 Dec)
- Not all institutions participate in SRS. Click [here](#) for more details
- After the SRS rounds you can reorder your preferred courses/institutions

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEME

Educational Access Scheme (EAS): if circumstances beyond your control affected Year 11/12 learning, apply now. To see if you are eligible, read categories and required documents [here](#).

- To be considered in December Round 2 (23 Dec), submit EAS application and upload documents to UAC by Mon 18 Nov. (This is done through your UAC application)
- Watch this [video](#) for instructions on how to apply and what you need to download/upload
- Please [email a copy of your application to Ms Cilia by 20 October](#) so the Educational Impact Statement can be completed for you. Ms Cilia uploads the EIS directly to UAC and we do not return them to students.

RESULTS AND OFFERS

How UAC Offers Work

- There is one offer per round: the highest preference you qualify for.
- Students can change preferences between rounds to target different courses.
- Early offers (Universities, SRS, portfolio schemes) can be accepted to secure a place; you can still compete for higher choices later through UAC
- Adjustment factors (subject/EAS) can raise your selection rank; check institutions for details.
- Preference strategy: Aspire (stretch), Likely (realistic), Safe (near-certain).

the December–January timeline

- Thu 18 Dec 2025:
 - HSC results available from 6:00am (NESA) and ATARs released on UAC website from 9:00am.
 - IBAS (IB Admissions Score) emailed to students from 10am

- Last chance to **change preferences for December Round 2: by 11:59pm Thu 18 Dec.**
- Tue 23 Dec 2025: UAC December Round 2 offers released (7:30am). This is the **main ATAR-based offer round** for many NSW/ACT universities.
- Tue 30 Dec 2025: **Change preferences deadline** for January Round 1.
- Thu 8 Jan 2026: **UAC January Round 1 offers released** (7:30am). Further rounds continue through February. [Further information on offer rounds](#)

How to use preferences smartly (December & January)

1. Before 18 Dec, line up a realistic set of courses (include an “aspire”, “likely”, and “safe” option).
2. After your ATAR releases (9am, 18 Dec), re-order preferences appropriately before 11:59pm that night for December Round 2 offers. ([Guide to preferences](#))
3. If you receive an offer on 23 Dec, accept it, then - if you want to chase a different course - re-order preferences by 30 Dec for January Round 1. ([Universities Admissions Centre](#)) You can decline offers you accept at a later stage.

Aspire (1–2 choices): a stretch you’d love.

Likely (2–3 choices): realistic based on ATAR/selection rank (remember to check which adjustment factors you are eligible for to increase your selection rank)

Safe (1–2 choices): near-certain admission.

“I’ve received an offer—what should I do?”

- Accept any legitimate offer you receive (including early offers) to secure your place. You can still be considered for higher preferences in later rounds if you adjust your list. Do not enrol or pay deposits until you’re confident with your final choice. [Early offers explained](#)
- You might receive one offer per round only - it’s for the highest preference you qualify for. You can accept now and keep reshuffling preferences before the next round. [FAQ's about offers](#)

ACCEPT Vs. ENROL

ACCEPT = hold the place for now.

- No payment usually required immediately.
- Keeps options open for later rounds.

ENROL = commit to that university/course.

- Usually involves creating a student account and paying fees/deposit.
- Do this when you are confident with your choice.

Overseas applications (UK/USA) — quick recap

If you're applying overseas, your applications should be well underway and you should have checked in with Ms Cilia several times. Key reminders:

UK (UCAS)

- Ensure your Education section (IB qualification & subjects) is complete so your application can be assessed.
- Early applications (Oxford/Cambridge; medicine/dentistry/vet) have a 15 October 2025 (6pm UK) deadline. Please finalise your parts by Mon 6 Oct so we can submit school documents on time. ([UCAS](#))

USA (Common App)

- Typical Early Action/Early Decision deadlines fall in early–mid November (many on 1 November). Several students have an earlier deadline of 15 October. This needed to be finalised with Ms Cilia prior to holidays.
- Get teacher recommendations organised and complete the Reference Request so I can upload the counsellor reference and transcripts. If you studied elsewhere in Years 9–12, send me those reports. ([CommonApp](#))

Other – for other countries, follow appropriate applications processes and notify Ms Cilia ASAP if you require any supporting documentation

There are many ways to reach your goal. Between UAC rounds, SRS, EAS, scholarships and overseas options, there's a strong path for every student.

Don't forget about Vocational Education such as TAFE, Private universities which offer Diplomas and bachelor's degrees with no ATAR requirements (Whitehouse, Torrens, The Hotel School, ICMS etc), and Foundation Studies or Diplomas at university colleges which can transition you into the 1st or 2nd year of a degree upon completion.

Some universities (Notre Dame, Australian Catholic University) offer FEE FREE Tertiary Preparation Programs and Foundation Studies programs which guarantee you entry into a degree on completion of a 6-12 month course.

Please reach out so we can assist you throughout the remainder of 2025.

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