

# Futures and Pathways (Careers Dept)

## Year 12 Timeline 2026

### TERM 2

#### SMH HSC and Careers Expo

- Thursday 28 May at Sydney Racecourse
- **Compulsory event for Year 11 and Year 12 students only** (further information on excursion details and permission letter will be provided shortly)
- More than 40 exhibitors (universities, vocational, industry groups) and presentations from Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) - applying to university, ATAR, and admissions schemes.

#### UAC Open April – Universities Admissions Centre

- UAC processes applications for undergraduate courses at universities in NSW and ACT.
- UAC have sent an email to HSC students with a pin. IB students will be able to access around July. 5 course preferences can be listed.
- Early bird applications close **30 September** (Please mark this key date in your diaries)
- Preferences can be changed throughout the year until final lock in date in December.

#### Unique Student Identifier (USI)

- This is your individual education number for life. You will need this to create your UAC application. Have this ready prior to apply to UAC  
<https://www.usi.gov.au/students/create-your-usi>

#### Undergraduate Clinical Admissions Test (UCAT)

- This is a compulsory test for some courses in **medicine, dentistry and clinical sciences**.
- Bookings now open, it is recommended that you book your date asap. Bookings close 15 May. Testing begins 1 July <https://www.ucat.edu.au/about-ucat-anz/ucat-anz-test-cycle/>
- The UCAT ANZ was established to help universities achieve greater fairness in selection. Around 14,000 candidates sit the test each year as part of their application.

#### Early Entry now open (dates may vary depending on institution)

- Most universities (except UNSW, USYD & UTS) offer direct early entry schemes which are based on Year 11 marks and sometimes additional criteria such as leadership & activities.
- Successful applications receive offers from September. Students could receive multiple offers.
- A copy of the SWG Early Entry Guide 2026 will be available soon.

#### Portfolio Entry

- Students applying to creative and design related degrees can submit a portfolio to be considered which could help with entry if they are close to the required selection rank.
- Allows students to demonstrate their skills, creativity and passion beyond their academic results
- Students can receive several points to increase their selection rank for course entry
- USYD UNSW, UTS, WSU and NIDA offer portfolio entry
- Submissions close in September

#### Interstate and Overseas University Applications

- These applications require considerable preparation time and applications dates vary.
- Students considering applying are encouraged to meet and discuss as soon as possible.

**University Open Days**

- Visit university open days to learn about courses, entry requirements, and campus life.
- These events let you talk with staff and students and help you choose a university that fits your goals.
- Dates TBC, typically held in around **August & September**.

**The Educational Access Scheme (EAS)**

- EAS helps UAC applicants who have encountered significant educational challenges in Year 11/12. It gives them the opportunity to have their circumstances considered when institutions select applicants for courses. Apply via UAC link [EAS application](#)

**University adjustment factors**

Additional points added to a student's ATAR to increase their selection rank for university entry. These factors do not change a student's ATAR but improve their chances of receiving an offer for a specific course.

Types of Adjustment Factors:

- **Subject-Based Adjustments**
- **Equity Adjustments** – Available for students experiencing educational disadvantage due to personal, financial, or health-related circumstances (e.g., through **EAS**)
- **Elite Athlete and Performer Adjustments** – For students with significant achievements in sports or the arts.
- **School Relationship Adjustments** – Some universities offer adjustments to students from partner schools or feeder schools.

How They Work:

- Universities set their own adjustment factor policies.
- A student's selection rank (ATAR + adjustment factors) is used to assess their eligibility for courses.

**Guest Speakers and Presentations:**

- Throughout Term 2 and Term 3, presentations will be delivered by alumnae and industry groups to share their study and industry advice.

**Individual appointments**

Appointments are available year-round, to book in use the **Booking Button** found on the [Future and Pathways Intranet](#) Home Page. In Term 2, while Ms Cilia is on leave, Mr Kozyra will be available for appointments. Mr Kozyra has qualifications in Commerce (Economics and Tourism Management), Financial Planning, Exercise Science, and Counselling. He specialises in career advising, particularly international applications to the UK and USA.

Prior to meeting, students are encouraged to:

- Revisit your careers profile in year 10 [www.careeravenues.com.au](http://www.careeravenues.com.au)
- Careers Exploration through your account at [www.thecareersdepartment.com](http://www.thecareersdepartment.com)
- Explore the wealth of information on the [Futures & Pathways Intranet Site](#) (link available on your Luminary Home page), watch webinars, download guides
- Monitor the weekly news items we send you and register for university course specific webinars and events
- [Visit the Good Universities Careers Guide](#)

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