

Principal – Andrew Backhouse

## Universities Admission Centre (UAC) Applying for University in 2018

If you are an ATAR student, obtain a copy of the handbook from the Careers room.

A PIN was sent to your school email address on Monday 31 July 2017 to facilitate the process.

Applications open on Wednesday 2 August 2017 and early bird (on time) applications close on Friday 29 September 2017 at a cost of \$58. After this date, the cost rises considerably.

The inside cover of the book contains information on all the important dates.

Page 8 lists the dates of the **Open Days** for each university. They commence in August.

Categories of courses are shown at the back of the book.

Early entry closes soon and may vary for each institution. If you intend to apply, research these as a matter of urgency.

There are less preferences than last year, so make sure your last preference is a course that you feel you can still make the predicted cut-off, even if you don't do as well as you expect. You can always change to another course later on, pending your performance at university.

Above all, the ordering of preferences is crucial. You cannot be accepted into a course that ranks lower in your preferences once you have received an offer. You may, on the other hand, accept a course that you may get offered at a later date that is higher up on your preferences. If you are successful in obtaining early entry, you must put this course as your first choice, if you intend to take up the offer.

Research scholarships for your preferred institution. The work has already been done for you. Access the website JobJump, the school password is *chicken*, go to *My Course* on the toolbar, and drop down to university, then across to scholarships. This will save you a lot of time.

Don't forget to save your application and print a copy for your records. Up to a certain time, you can change your preferences at will.

Once you have completed your online application to UAC, consider a Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) application. These applications are rated by the school, are free of charge, and will mostly be offered on Monday 16 November 2017, before your HSC results are known. The closing date for these by request of Mrs James is Thursday 7 September 2017 for Henry Kendall High School.

Other entry schemes to do with a disadvantage of some sort are available. See pages 33-34 in the handbook.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Donna James Deputy Principal Mrs Lyn Hawker Careers Adviser

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