

THE TERTIARY TIMES

Edition Two, 2025

The Tertiary Times, is a one-stop point for information from the SSK QTAC talks. Here you will find reminders, links and information discussed in the weekly sessions. If you have any questions, please email or make an appointment to see me tkirk45@eq.edu.au

PREFERENCES

EDITION 2 2025

- Preferences
- EAS
- Early Entry Schemes



Have you applied for your **FREE** voucher yet?

If not - why not?

You should have a pretty good idea of your six preferences by now. If not... really try to narrow down your choices this week. Chat with your friends and family, or book an appointment to see Mr Kirk.



1 Desired Courses
Courses you want to study the most

3 Back-up courses
Courses you would be happy to study

5 Pathway Courses
Courses that will help you upgrade into the course you really want

Make sure you consider

Remember!

- Offer rounds
- Closing dates
- Prerequisites
- Early Entry options

EDUCATION ADJUSTMENT SCHEMES

Make sure you are applying for everything that you are entitled to!

It could mean the difference between getting in - or missing out on your dream course!

Who doesn't want 5 extra ATAR Adjustment Points?














**DON'T
FORGET!**



EARLY ENTRY SCHEMES – 2025

- Each university has specific early entry requirements
- For most early entry applications, you will need to see Mr Kirk (Guidance Officer)
- Some do not require a QTAC application – if you are successful and happy with your offer you do not need to apply through QTAC.
- You must select only one early entry scheme (except for Griffith and QUT).
- Not all courses are available through early entry schemes

University	Requirements	Key Dates	Eligibility
Australian Catholic University  ACU <small>AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY</small> <i>ACU Guarantee</i>	<p>ACU offers a place at ACU based on your Year 11 results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 Report Cards • Personal statements (optional) • All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12 <p>https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/admission-pathways/acu-guarantee</p>	<p>Open date 21st July</p> <p>Closing date 15th September</p> <p>Offers from 5th September</p>	<p>Year 12 Domestic ATAR eligible</p>
Bond University  BOND UNIVERSITY <i>Year 12 Early Entry</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of Semester 1, Year 12 report • Copies of your reports from both semesters in Year 11 • Conditional on successful completion of Year 12, receiving an ATAR, and meeting subject prerequisites for your course <p>https://bond.edu.au/entry-to-bond/entry-requirements/domestic-entry-requirements/entry-for-australian-year-12-students</p>		<p>Year 12 Domestic ATAR eligible</p>
Central Queensland University  CQU <small>UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA</small> <i>Principal's Recommendation Scheme</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply directly to CQU • Letter from Guidance Officer/Principal • You can apply for one course as part of your application • All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12 and meeting any additional entry requirements for your course. <p>https://www.cqu.edu.au/study/high-school-students/principals-recommendation-scheme</p>	<p>Open date – 1st August</p> <p>Closing date 24th November</p> <p>Offers from 1st September</p>	<p>Year 12 Domestic</p>
Griffith University  GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY <i>Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for an eligible option through QTAC • Preference up to six courses in application • Wait for an invitation to apply for Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee • Upload any required documentation to your QTAC application <p>https://www.griffith.edu.au/apply/guaranteed-admission-scheme/early-offer</p>	<p>Open date 5th August</p> <p>Closing date 20th October</p> <p>Offers from 5th September</p>	<p>Year 12 Domestic</p> <p>QTAC fees apply</p>
James Cook University  JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY <small>AUSTRALIA</small> <i>Early Offer Program</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for an eligible course through QTAC • Preference up to six courses • GO/Principal Approval required • Nomination Form required <p>https://www.jcu.edu.au/entry-options/entry-schemes/early-offer-program</p>	<p>Open Date 5th August</p> <p>Closing Date 10th October</p>	<p>Year 12 Domestic</p> <p>QTAC fees apply</p>

<p>University Of New England</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from GO/Principal Apply Online <p>*You can apply whether or not you're expecting to receive an ATAR</p>	<p>March (Open)</p> <p>Sept/Oct (Close)</p>	<p>Year 12</p> <p>No QTAC Application required</p>
<p>Queensland University of Technology</p>  <p>Year 12 Early Offer Scheme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply through QTAC Preference up to six courses Wait for an invitation Upload all documentation to QTAC <p>https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/year-12-early-offer-scheme</p>	<p>Open Date</p> <p>5th August</p> <p>1-24th October</p> <p>Invitations sent</p>	<p>Year 12 student</p> <p>QTAC fees apply</p> <p>ATAR eligible (at least 5 General subjects)</p> <p>ATAR Applied subjects & AQF VET Cert III or IV are not considered for Scheme* May be eligible for Dec offer if you completed Cert IV</p>
<p>Southern Cross University</p>  <p>Early Offer Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply directly to SCU GO/Principal Approval required 1st preference on QTAC <p>https://www.scu.edu.au/study/high-school-students/entry-pathways/early-offer/</p>	<p>Open date</p> <p>7th April</p> <p>Closing Date</p> <p>30th September</p> <p>Offers from</p> <p>10th November</p>	<p>Year 12</p> <p>Domestic</p> <p>ATAR eligible</p>
<p>Torrens University Australia</p>  <p>Early Entry Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply directly to Torrens All offers are conditional on successful completion of Year 12 <p>https://www.torrens.edu.au/how-to-apply/early-entry-program</p>	<p>Open date</p> <p>Always open</p> <p>Offers from</p> <p>September</p>	<p>Year 12</p> <p>Domestic</p> <p>International</p>
<p>University of Southern Queensland</p>  <p>Early Entry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply through QTAC Preference up to 6 courses USQ must be 1st preference GO/Principal recommendation letter required Complete a UniSQ Head Start Course Submit an Early Entry Application form directly to UniSQ <p>https://www.unisq.edu.au/study/apply/adjustment-factor-pathways/early-entry</p>	<p>Open date</p> <p>5th August</p> <p>Applications close</p> <p>16th October</p>	<p>Year 12</p> <p>Domestic</p> <p>QTAC fees apply</p>
<p>University of the Sunshine Coast</p>  <p>Early Offer Guarantee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UniSC online application form Apply through QTAC (UniSC course must be first preference) GO/Principal letter required <p>https://www.usc.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/pathways-to-study/pathways-from-year-12/early-offer-guarantee</p>	<p>Open Date</p> <p>5th August</p> <p>Applications close</p> <p>6th October</p> <p>Offers from 5th September</p>	<p>Year 12</p> <p>Domestic</p> <p>QTAC fees apply</p>



UQ does not participate in an Early offers Program. Alternatively, they offer an [ATAR guarantee](#)

Any questions, speak to Mr Kirk (Guidance Officer)

ALWAYS DOUBLE
CHECK OPEN &
CLOSING DATES
AS THEY DO
CHANGE YEAR
TO YEAR

EARLY ENTRY SCHEMES

If you need a school reference for an **EAS** or **EARLY ENTRY** application, complete this form and email back to Mr Kirk ASAP

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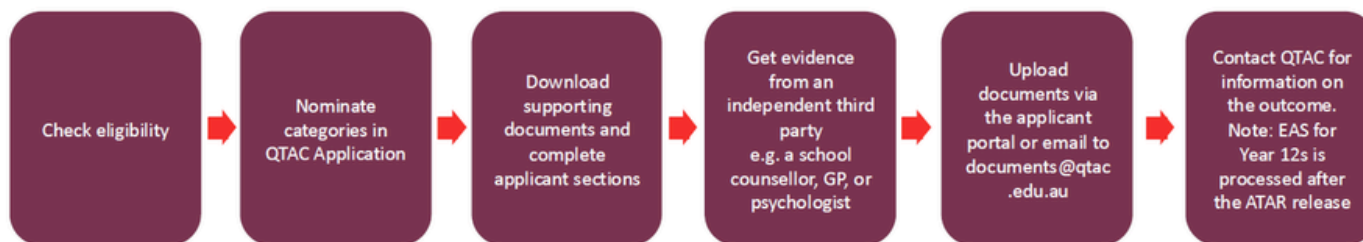
IMPORTANT

If you are going to apply for Early Entry or EAS schemes - start collating documents and applications etc. You may need evidence from a GP. Start planning now!

Information to Support School Reference/EAS Supporting Documentation					
Applicants Name:			Due date for Reference Letter:		
What do you require a school letter for? (circle)	Name of University	Course Code (University) + QTAC CODE		Course Name & Campus (study mode)	
Principals Recommendation Scheme	CQU	University Course code only			
Early Entry Scheme					
Education Assistance Scheme	Refer to Section 2 for further information				
Have you met the pre-requisites for Early Entry Scheme? (circle)		Yes		No	
Are you an International Student? (circle)		Yes		No	
Have you completed a University Subject while attending School (SUN Program or HEADSTART etc)? If yes, provide details:					
What are your long-term goals or career interests?					
Relevant experiences (Work experience; summer schools)					
Personal Qualities: List any relevant information relating to your work ethic; communication skills; resilience/initiative or creativity. Any challenges overcome (personal or academic)?					
School Involvement					
Extracurricular activities (clubs, sports, arts etc)	Leadership roles	Volunteering or Community Service		Contributions to school life (mentoring, organizing events etc)	
External achievements (music, competitions, sports, STEM programs):					
SECTION 2 – EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEME					
EAS You may tick more than one – but give details for each.	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Hardship	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Illness	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Env & Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/> School Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> English Language Difficulty
Please describe your circumstances that have impacted you and your studies. (Why are you applying for the category). NB: happy to go through your statements to help you with your ideas – but we will not have time to write the whole thing in our meeting time. If you would like me to help you, email through draft copies of your coversheets to tkirk45@eq.edu.au – or write information here and we can transfer it.					
Anything else:					
Student Signature:			Date:		
<p>If you need a school reference for an EAS or EARLY ENTRY application complete this form and email back to Mr Kirk (tkirk45@eq.edu.au) ASAP</p>					

If you have already submitted your preferences to QTAC but now you have changed your mind - and wish to apply for EAS.... you need to call QTAC (or email them) and tell them that you would like to apply for an EAS category. They will amend your application - so that you can then be considered. Then you will be able to add the new information in the portal.

How to Apply for EAS



EAS Categories

Home Environment and Responsibility



Financial Hardship



English Language Difficulties



School Environment



Personal Illness or Disability



Note: Outstanding EAS documents may stop you from receiving an offer. If you decide not to submit documents, let us know ASAP.

Looking to study Inter-state?

You will need to complete a separate application to the relevant Tertiary Admission Centre

Selection Ranks and Adjustment Factors

ATARs are calculated only on the students' actual QCE subject results, which have been scaled.

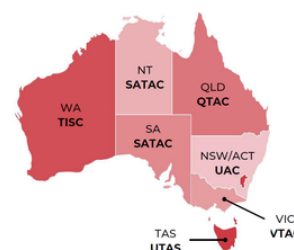
Adjustment Factors (EAS, subject adjustments, etc) are applied **after** the ATAR is calculated.

ATAR + Adjustment Factors = Applicant Selection Rank

Looking to study interstate?

Check out

courseseeker.edu.au



Key Dates



KEY DATE	DATE
Opening of Admissions	Tuesday 5 August 2025
Application Fee change	Wednesday 1 October 2025
Due date to supply and submit documentation	Monday 8 December 2025
ATAR Release	Thursday 18 December 2025
IBAS Release	Thursday 18 December 2025
December Offer Round	Tuesday 23 December 2025
January Offer Round	Thursday 15 January 2026

Grab a 'Preference Drafting' form from SSK or Mr Kirk

COURSE PREFERENCES						
STUDENT NAME: _____		ATAR Range Estimate: _____				
		COURSE CODE & CAMPUS	COURSE NAME	PREREQUISITES	PAYMENT OPTION	MONTH of OFFER ROUND
1 st	DESIRED COURSE					
2 nd	DESIRED COURSE					
3 rd	BACKUP COURSE					
4 th	BACKUP COURSE					
5 th	PATHWAY COURSE					
6 th	PATHWAY COURSE					

Guidance Officer Advice - ☐ Plan APPROVED: ☐ Plan NOT APPROVED: ☐

Comments: _____