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China Cultural Study Tour



A Magic Performance



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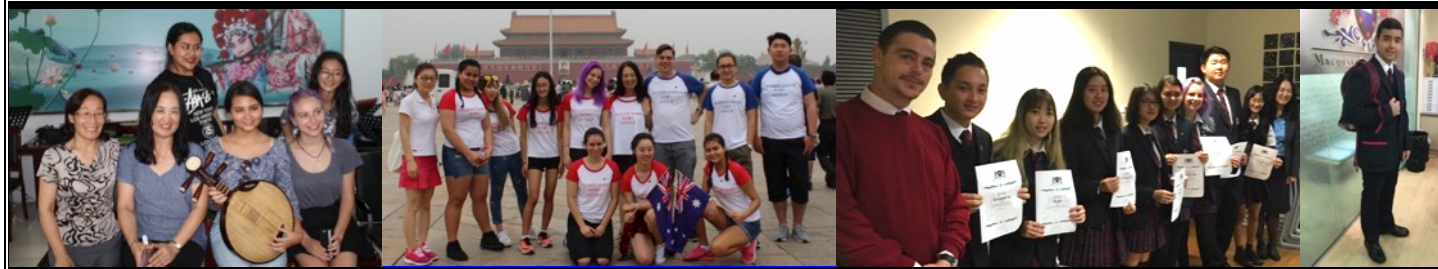
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Autumn Term

Chinese Cultural Tour, Hengshui High School 7th – 23rd July

Winter Term

Professional Development Day & Orientation Commences for Years 7 to 12	Mon 25 th July
Australia Mathematics Competition	Tues 26 th July
Parent-Teacher Interviews, 5:00- 7:00pm	Wed 27 th July
HSC Chinese Continuers Oral Test	Wed 3 rd Aug
ISD Girls' Netball Competition	Sat 6 th Aug
Sydney Uni Visit Yrs 10 & 11, 9:00 – 10:00am	Mon Aug 8 th
ICAS Mathematics Test	Tue Aug 16 th
ISD Athletics Competition	Tue Aug 16 th
HSC Trial Examinations	Thurs Aug 18 th
Drama HSC Performance	22 nd Aug-2 nd Sep
HSC Chinese Beginners Oral Test	Wed Aug 24 th
Annual Activities Day, Coogee Beach	Sat 3 rd Sept
Year 12 Valedictory Dinner	Tues 20 th Sept
Presentation Assembly 2:00pm	Thur 22 nd Sept
Lessons conclude for Years 7 to 12	Fri 23 rd Sept

Spring Term

Professional Development Day & Orientation	Mon 10 th Oct
Lessons commence for Years 7 to 12	Tues 11 th Oct

School Office Hours (During Term) 8:30am-5:00pm

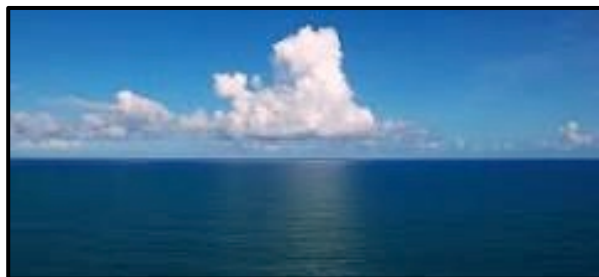
School Office Hours (During Term Breaks) 9:00am-5:00pm

Uniform Ordering Hours 9.00am- 5:00pm

House Points

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Motivational Quote



"Opportunities don't happen, you create them."
Chris Grosser

Message from the Headmaster

Welcome Back

I would like to welcome everyone back to school but in particular the new families that have joined us. Since the commencement of the academic year around 37 new families have joined us, with 17 just this term. It is so wonderful to see our school growing in cultural diversity as each student becomes a part of our Macquarie Grammar School family.

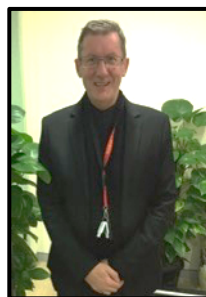
I also would like to take this opportunity to wish the students and staff all the very best for Winter Term as it is one of the busiest terms full of activities and academic challenges. One of these challenges are the ISD Athletics Championships and the upcoming Trial Examinations for our Year 12 students. They are an outstanding cohort who are preparing meticulously for their exams and are very keen to impress their teachers. The teachers, support staff and I are all there to assist you and I wish you well.

Farewell to Mr Keene

Mr Keene has been an integral part of the performing arts at Macquarie Grammar School for almost five (5) years and has made a significant impact upon the learning of our students. He introduced Drama and developed an interest amongst our students to study the course up to HSC level. He will be greatly missed by everyone at the school and on behalf of the school community I thank him for his good work. Mr Keene has accepted an offer to work overseas and we wish him well for the future.

New Appointments

Mr Notholt joins our school after a distinguished career both inside the teaching profession and out. He is a teacher with



outstanding credentials who has a real passion for Science, but in particular physics. He has already made a positive impression upon our students with his creative delivery and genuine interest in the learning of our students.

Mr Gates is a teacher with a number of strings to his professional bow, and we are truly fortunate to have him join our school. He is a very skilled individual who has a real passion for literacy and the study of English across all fields, which include English



Extension 1 and 2, Advanced, Standard and ESL English, as well as Drama. The students have settled in to his style of teaching and already there has been a significant impact in the study of English across all cohorts.

Mr Sinclair is an English teacher who has joined us after serving at Kuringai Performing Arts School and Burwood Girls' High School. He is a very talented teacher and is keen to make his mark at Macquarie Grammar School in the areas of Drama, ESL English and English from Years 7 to 12. In the short time he has been with us the students are enjoying his lessons.



I wish Mr Notholt, Mr Gates and Mr Sinclair all the very best and may their tenure with Macquarie Grammar School be full of rewards and professional fulfilment. We are truly fortunate to have three teachers of such outstanding calibre.

Chinese School Visit

On Tuesday 26th July a small group of eleven (11) students arrived at our school as part of an Australian Cultural Tour. The children stayed with us for three (3) days and experienced what it was like to be a student at Macquarie Grammar School. It was an honour to have them with us as they were extremely respectful and appreciative in being a part of the school's daily programme. Our students enjoyed their company and they welcomed our guests with warmth and generosity.

To conclude the tour the students received a small token of our appreciation, a certificate, confirming their time with us and the cultural exchange that took place. We thank them for the visit and wish them a safe return trip to China

Message from the Director of Curriculum & Compliance Subject Selections for 2017

Students who are currently in Year 10 will be entering online for the second time their subject selections for 2017. For some students the decision about which subjects to choose is easy, but for others it can be very difficult.

Key considerations as to the subject they should choose are:

- Choose subjects you enjoy.
- Choose subjects which you have shown some ability
- Choose subjects you are motivated to study because they interest you or because they may relate to what you would like to study when you leave school.

Do not choose subjects based on:

- What your friends are choosing
- How you think a subject may scale.

Students who are not sure about which subjects to choose should make use of:

The Careers Advisor, Mr Adamovich who is a wealth of information and myself. Mr Rekouniotis and Mrs Sun gave a short presentation to Year 10 on Subject Choices for 2017 and the HSC Course respectively. The teachers' subject presentations will take place on Friday 26th August during club activities.

Put love in your hearts.

*Mr Hagan
Director of Curriculum and Compliance.*

Message from the Director of Welfare and Operations Macquarie Grammar School China Tour

After months of preparation and anticipation, the China Cultural Tour students and staff have gone and returned from their tour to our sister school in China and joined with nineteen (19) other countries for the Hengshui High School Hebei Fourth Arts Festival of International Culture and Education.



All the countries' delegates enjoyed VIP treatment, with huge banquets offered with every meal, traffic being re-directed and members of the Hebei government and volunteers escorting the groups to all the events and offering support and good company. All this was on a very large scale and impressively organised.

The tour was a huge success with many highlights that no doubt tour members will remember forever. The highlights came in many forms, but one of the most meaningful had to be the relationships the students created. They quickly related with the students of China and other countries.

Australians often enjoy popularity overseas and on this occasion it was no exception. At the Art Festival and the two high school visits our students were not only forming friendships but constantly being swamped for autographs, photos, video and interviews, as well as being showered with gifts.

Before too long the students had everyone waving their country's flag, singing and clapping along to "I am Australian" and even learning how to do the movements. One of the girls from the United Kingdom was heard to say after one of our informal sing-alongs to "I am Australian" that she even felt like she was becoming Australian!



The sister school visit was a very successful and interesting visit. As well as attending the ceremony for the establishment of the sister school relationship and forming new friendships, students were kept busy learning some Mandarin and engaging in listening activities, as well as sampling some traditional Chinese musical instruments. The visit indicated how much each school can learn from each other and from the prospect of developing an on-going strong partnership.



A sad farewell was said to the people of Hebei, along with some other delegations and we made the four hour drive to Beijing in preparation for our return flight. Beijing offered many new adventures to all of us. It probably depends a lot on who you speak to as to what the highlights were. Some would say it was 'The Great Wall of China', considered the 'Seventh Wonder of the World', others would say it was the shopping and finally getting the opportunity to buy McDonalds.

The Wall was one tour in Beijing and what a spectacular experience it was! Most students took the easy route up on a chair lift and then walked along the wall. Some of the more 'adventurous' trekked all the way up to the wall, around it for a while and then down. Lots of photos were taken to help share the experience with people at home.



As for the shopping, students became excellent hagglers, haggling their way to unbelievable deals on all sorts of electronic, souvenir, clothing and accessory items.

After 17 days on tour in China we returned home. I have no doubt the students have spent the last week of the holidays bleary eyed. but full of stories and with plenty of memories, photos and gifts to show from their time away. The delegates will soon be involved in sharing their experiences with the school community.

Mrs Sun
Director of Welfare and Operations

A Student's Perspective of the China Cultural Study Tour

It was the most amazing experience, 16 days that united all thirteen of us. These days gave me a whole new perspective about my motherland, in spite the fact that I grew up around northern China, this trip still surprised me all the time.

Hengshui High School redefine the word "schooling", though I don't quite agree with the amount of pressure they put on their students, but seeing the people my age who have a lesser chance but a large ambition. It reminds me that we are the only thing that matters when we want to achieve our dreams.

These days created an inseparable group, we supported each other, took care and helped of one other and in the end, we had a very successful performance by working with each other. I would like to thank everyone in our special group, because every single one of us had made a meaningful and worthy contribution and this trip would not have been as memorable without those who were with us.

Finally, this trip shall be a treasure in my life that I will cherish forever.

SRC News

Reuse Reduce Recycle Redistribute



School Uniform and Textbook Drive

The SRC is working on a new project to collect school uniforms and textbooks from students who no longer need it. This will be a great scheme for the school, as it will help students with the cost of purchasing textbooks and school uniforms. An added bonus of the scheme is it will assist to maintain the school's great sense of collaboration and community. For further information on how and where to return your unwanted uniform and textbooks please see a member of the SRC.

Farah Esse
SRC Treasurer

In the Art class - Printmaking: lino

The Year 7's and 8's focussed on developing lino-cutting skills to communicate concerns about their world to the audience. They investigated issues that concern them and that they want to warn people about.

Joshua looked at how we abuse our planet and called his artwork:

Pestilence.



Riaz investigated the devastating effects of fire.



Raphael Kesov depicted a hailstorm in the city.



Sophie showed us what a meteorite shower can look like.



Mrs Cawood

Year 10 PDHPE Practical Lesson

Year 10 is learning about lifelong physical activity fitness choices. They participated in volleyball as one of the options and will continue to take part in team sports and alternate fitness choices like yoga, gym and rock-climbing throughout Winter Term.



Year 11 Preliminary PDHPE Course

Year 11 are finishing one of their options Fitness Choices and were all put through a fitness session that devolved their components of fitness, both muscular endurance and cardiorespiratory endurance.

Sport



Thursday School Sport

Thursday sport in Winter Term will see the introduction of soccer and the continuation of basketball, Brazilian Jujitsu, tennis and badminton.



CAREERS

University Admission Centre (UAC)

University Admission Centre (UAC) applications open on **Wednesday 3 August 2016**. We recommend Year 12 students to apply by **Friday 30 September 2016**, before the processing charge starts to increase. Processing charges for 2016 from UAC is set as **\$41.00**. Each student will require to pay this charge after they apply through UAC.

After students apply, they can change their course preferences as many times as they like for no extra cost. Many students wait to receive their ATAR before they make their final decision. In fact, they will have until **Friday 6 January 2017** to finalise their preferences for the Main Round of offers to semester 1 courses.

If students are applying for scholarships, they will need a **UAC number**, however, this number isn't generated until they apply through UAC from **Wednesday 3 August 2016**.

For Year 12/HSC applicants – Will apply through UAC, and will use their BOSTES number ONLY, and UAC PIN (**which they will receive by mail to their home address in August**) when first applying through the UAC site. Their UAC application number has nine digits and is issued when they apply.

Once students start their **UAC application**, their **UAC number is then generated** and this will be used throughout the application period.

Universities

Open Day Reminders

University of Sydney -	27th August 2016, 9am to 4pm
UNSW -	3rd September 2016
Macquarie University -	20th August 2016, 10am to 3pm
Uni Western Sydney -	28th August 2016, 10am to 2pm,
Parramatta South Campus	
University of Newcastle-	20th August 2016, 10am to 4pm
Uni of Wollongong -	13th August 2016
UTS -	27th August 2016, 9am to 4pm
ANU -	27th August 2016, 9am to 4pm
University of Canberra -	27th August 2016

Western Sydney University Parent Information Evening

Penrith Campus 3rd August 2016

The information evenings will give parents the chance to obtain information on ATAR cut offs, HECS-HELP, the Western Sydney University experience and what the university has to offer. <http://>

www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/future_students_home/events/parent_information_evening

Western Sydney University Advantage Entry Programs

Your choice of university is an important decision. We believe that success is fuelled by a strong desire and ambition, and if you have the drive and determination to succeed, then Western Sydney University offers you an unlimited world of potential. If you are interested to receive up to 10 Bonus ATAR points for a range of UWS schemes:

- regional bonus points
- subject bonus points
- early offer program
- educational access scheme
- elite athlete and performer bonus scheme.

Please explore the following website link <http://uws.edu.au/informationabout/uwsadvantage>

Western Sydney University

The Academy Scholarships: Excel in your studies and contribute to your community and you may receive: VC Leadership Scholarship, \$10 000 per year. Dean's Scholarship and Academic Excellence Scholarship, \$5 000 per year. <http://www.theacademy.edu.au/scholarships>

ACU Passion for Business - Early Entry Program

If you are a domestic or international student currently studying Year 12 in Australia and have completed, or are completing, a business related subject in Year 11 and/or Year 12, you are eligible to apply for entry to ACU through the P4B Program. Applications close 14 September 2016.

<http://www.acu.edu.au/732703>

ACU Passion for Law and Commerce - Early Entry Program

If your passion is law and commerce, we will show you how to combine the two to provide you with the skills and opportunities to work in both the courtroom and the boardroom.

Applications close, 16 September, 2016

<http://www.acu.edu.au/880781>

ACU New courses in 2017

B Science: This course will include the ACU core curriculum, community engagement and work integrated learning. The majors will be Biology and Chemistry.

B Teaching/B Science: This is a four-year program that will qualify students to teach general science to Year 10 and discipline science to Year 12. It will include the Religious Education units required to teach in Catholic schools.

B Theology/B Philosophy: This is a four-year dual degree program designed to engage students critically with questions of meaning, reality, knowledge and value in light of the Catholic intellectual tradition.

2017 Undergraduate Course Guide: <http://www.acu.edu.au/>

UNE Early Entry

Final deadline 30 September.

Select up to 3 degree options.

Apply directly to UNE online. No application fees. Know earlier (November*) that you have a place at UNE to relieve the pressure of waiting for results, and let you plan your big move. No UAC/ QTAC applications required - Applying through UNE Early Entry does not prevent you from making another application through a tertiary

admissions centre so it's a great way to increase your chances of getting into the course you want.

<http://www.une.edu.au/study/study-on-campus/get-early-entry/apply-online>

CQ University Sydney Courses

400 Kent St

Wide variety of courses from Business, I.T. Communication to Health/Medical

<https://www.cqu.edu.au/about-us/locations/sydney/courses-and-programs-available>

SCU Head-Start

Provides an opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students to gain direct entry and advanced standing into a variety of courses offered at Southern Cross University. Free from university fees, the program offers you the chance to gain a taste of university life, stimulate your interest in academic pursuits and enhance your educational performance and long term aspirations. The program has been designed for students who have the academic capability to succeed at university. Applicants will be selected on merit, based on their academic performance, a personal statement and the recommendation of their Principal.

<http://scu.edu.au/futurestudents/index.php/147>

UOW College 2017 Course Guide

<http://www.uowcollege.edu.au/about/brochures/groups/public/@web/@uowc/documents/doc/uow213373.pdf>

Bond University

Medicine & Biomedical Science Information Evening

22 August. 6pm to 8pm

Sydney

Entry requirements for Medicine. Meet the staff. Register at:

<https://bond.edu.au/event/48048/medicine-biomedical-science-information-evening-sydney>

UTS

Open Day at UTS Science

27 August

Join info sessions on all of our degrees, careers and entry pathways, chat to academics, and take a tour of our Super Lab and Crime Scene Simulation House. More Information:

<http://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-science/events/uts-open-day-2016>

New Courses at UTS Science - Forensic Science

Four majors to choose from - Crime Scene Investigation, Digital Forensics, Chemistry, Biology, and multiple combinations of forensics degree with international studies, creative intelligence and law.

<http://www.science.uts.edu.au/future>

New Courses at UTS Science - Bachelor of Biotechnology

Four majors to choose from - Medical biotechnology, Environmental biotechnology, Computational biotechnology, and Biosensor technology.

<http://www.science.uts.edu.au/future>

Handbook 2016 – Scholarships

Links are provided to a wide range of scholarships offered at UTS. Some of these include faculty scholarships, Vice-Chancellor's scholarships, equity scholarships, diversity access, indigenous scholarships and more. <http://www.handbook.uts.edu.au/general/scholarships.html>

Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Programme - Round 2 Applications

Round 2 Applications Open: 15th July
Round 2 Applications Close: 30th September

The Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Programme provides students with \$15, 500 per year of study, and two six month full-time industry placements with sponsor organisations. There are two rounds of applications in 2016 for the 2017 intake.
<http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/information-technology/essential-information/how-apply/how-apply-bit>

University of Sydney

Alternative Access Schemes

The differences between the Broadway and the E12 scheme and its benefit if it applies:

Broadway

- Applies to all courses except double degrees with postgrad med/dentistry
Up to 5 ATAR points concession, however, varies with demand. E.g. law double degree allowed students 1.25 ATAR points below 99.5 last year
- Not early entry
Requires students to prove financial disadvantage though UAC educational access scheme uac.edu.au/eas if the student is not from a Low SES School
- No application to Sydney needed – just ensuring that we are down as a preference will mean that it automatically merges with the UAC EAS application
- Only 600 places offered through scheme.
- Applies to 69 course at Sydney
- Early entry scheme – eligible students who meet HSC subject requirements and predetermined ATAR will know they have a place once result are released
- Students also receive; \$5000
- Apple iPad
- Union Access Card
- Additional support
- To apply Application with personal statement and resume (to Sydney)
- Application from principal (to Sydney)
- If required students will be interviewed by relevant faculties
- Requires students to prove financial disadvantage though UAC educational access scheme uac.edu.au/eas if the student is not from a LowSES School
- Numbers allowed through scheme vary from year to year
- Due 2 September

There are some great resources online including a **how to apply page**, which has fantastic hints and tips slideshow on the sidebar. These could be a useful resource to print out for any interested students.

TAFE

newAusAppPathways smartphone app

Smart search for Australian Apprenticeship ideas. The app helps students explore potential Australian Apprenticeships career ideas based on their interests. Searches can be filtered by state and school-based apprenticeship availability. AusAppPathways is free and available for

Apple and Android devices. For more information and to download the app, visit <http://www.ausapp.com.au/>

Colleges

Dual Diploma Business and Leadership & Management

Bedford College is now offering the option to enrol in a Dual Diploma in Business and Leadership and Management. Graduates are provided with qualifications to work in a range of business/management roles, increasing further employment and education opportunities. To find out more visit: www.bedford.edu.au or call 1300 174 174.

Criminology major available at ACAP

ACAP now offers a second major in Criminology to its Bachelor of Psychological Science students. Eleven criminology units are required in addition to the psychology subjects. Do the Bachelor program on-campus in Sydney and the criminology units online. For details, email info.acap@navitas.com or call 1800 061 199.

Think Education Scholarships

Demonstrate talent and motivation in your specific field offered at Think. View closing dates: <http://www.think.edu.au/studying-at-think/scholarships>

KENT Institute Australia Information Brochure Sydney Accounting and Business

Course information, fees, scholarships and enrolment advice.

<http://kent.edu.au/kent3/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Brochure-2016-Version.pdf>

Australian College of Journalism Course Guide

<http://www.acj.edu.au/?enquiry>

Sydney City School of Law

Sydney City School of Law is a private college offering a Bachelor of Laws focused more on practical skills and accredited by TEQSA and LPAB.

ATAR = 85

BONUS POINTS = up to 20

- The TOP Subject Bonus Points (achieve band 6, 5, 4 in a range of subjects, and you can get up to 10 bonus points for certain subjects)
- The TOP Indigenous Entry Program (up to 5 bonus points)
- Elite Athletes and Performers Entry Scheme (5 bonus points to those who have excelled in areas of sport, academia, leadership, and/or cultural pursuit at an elite level. Activities and/or commitments must have been undertaken in Year 11 and/or 12.)
- School Captain (up to 7 bonus points to school captains who prove leadership and community involvement. However, school captain points cannot be combined with the points gained from the Elite Athletes and Performers Entry Scheme.)

SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Principal's Outstanding Award

- Value: Full scholarship p.a. + Allowance: \$10,000
- p.a. (subject to achieving a minimum GPA of 4.0 each year as a full time student).
- Available to Current school leavers with an ATAR or equivalent of 98.0 (93 for international students) or above (excluding bonus points).

2. TOP's Outstanding Achievement Award

- Value: Full scholarship p.a.
- Available to Current school leavers with an ATAR or equivalent of 95.0 (90 for international students) or above (excluding bonus points).

3. Sydney City School of Law Award

- Value: \$1,000 - \$9,000 p.a.
- Available to Current school leavers with an ATAR or equivalent of 90.0 (87 for international students) or above (excluding bonus points).

4. Young Achiever

- Duration: 1st year of course.
- Value: \$1,000 - \$6,000 p.a.
- Available to Current school leavers with an ATAR or equivalent of 85.0 or above.

5. Dean's Award

- Duration: 1st year of course.
- Value: \$1,000 - \$6,000 p.a.
- Available to Current school leavers with an ATAR or equivalent of 85.0 or above.

6. Innovative Minds Scholarship

- Duration: awarded once in the first semester/trimester.
- Value: \$100 - \$1000 per term
- Available to all students who meet the minimum eligibility criteria.

PATHWAYS

If you haven't achieved a mark of 85 in ATAR even in combination with the bonus points, Top Education Institute offers you 2 options to still fulfil your dream of doing law.

Achieve an ATAR **between 50 and 84** and you can get admitted into our **Bachelor of International Business**.

Students who score a Credit 65 average or above in the first semester (4 subjects) will be eligible to transfer to the Bachelor of Laws and get credit for those 4 subjects.

If ATAR is below 50, you can get admitted into our **Diploma of Business**.

After successfully completing 8 subjects (2 semesters), these students will be able to transfer to the **Bachelor of Laws** and get credit for 4 subjects.

EARLY OFFERS

Both the School of Law and the School of Business offer students the opportunity of reserving a place into one of our programs before sitting the HSC exams.

Applications can be sent between 1st July and 30th November.

How to reserve your spot? Easy, in only three steps.

1. Express your interest at www.top.edu.au
2. Receive a 'Reserve your SPOT @ TOP' letter from Admissions
3. Formally apply and accept through UAC to secure your spot and \$500 scholarship

COURSE FEES

\$48,000 for 4 years (\$1,500/unit; the course consists of 32 units)

FEE-HELP is available.

Information Evenings

UNSW

Elite Athletes and Performers Bonus Point Guide

<https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/uploads/EAP%20Web%20Guide%202016.pdf>

Bond University

Medical Programme

Bond's Medical Programme comprises two sequential degrees - the Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMedSt) and the Doctor of Medicine (MD). All students selected for entry into the Medical Programme will have to complete both the BMedSt and MD to be eligible for registration as a medical practitioner in any state or territory in Australia or New Zealand. Both degrees are awarded at the completion of Year 5. <https://bond.edu.au/program/medical-program>

Guaranteed pathways into UOW

UOW College offers 28 week courses that can guarantee students entry into the first or second year of a range of UOW undergraduate degrees (subject to meeting UOW entry requirements). For information visit <http://www.uowcollege.edu.au/pathway/index.html>

Bonus Points Reference

Lists bonus points by HSC subjects across all universities. Available as a PDF with update in November. Enquires: directory@grad.com.au

ATARs by Subject Area

The Graduate Connection has released the 2017 edition of the directoryundergraduate which lists ATARs by area of study rather than by institution. It provides a guide to entry scores by publishing three entry scores - published ATAR, published ATAR less HSC subject bonus points and published ATAR less both subject and regional/disadvantage schools bonus points.

ACU Elite Athlete Programme

ACU's Elite Athlete Programme has been established to support future and current students who have maintained a record of excellence in sporting performance throughout their studies and wish to pursue a sporting career alongside an academic one.

Future students deemed to be Elite Athletes will be eligible to receive up to five bonus points towards an entry score and greater flexibility when studying at ACU.

http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/elite_athlete_program#1

GENERAL

UAC Education Access Scheme

EAS applications open on the 3rd of August 2016 for 2017.

The UAC website provides information booklets on applications and eligibility requirements.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/eas/>

UAC Schoolink Events

The dates for the various events can be found on the link below. They include information about ATAR, HSC subject choices, bonus points and the selection process.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/events.shtml>

13 ways to study more effectively

<http://this.deakin.edu.au/study/13-simple-ways-to-study-more-effectively>

CG Spectrum

Online digital art and animation courses by professionals.

<http://www.cgspectrum.edu.au/>

Pre- HSC Trial English Tutorial Sessions

Every Tuesday up to 30 August. 5pm to 7pm. For HSC English students who need guidance, advice and strategies towards a Band 6 in English. Cost \$5 per session, bookings required

http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/play/facilities/library/just_for.../students

National Computer Science School Challenge

Begins 1 August. Finishes 4 September. Programming competition over five weeks teaches how to program. <https://grollearning.com/challenge/>

National History Challenge. Triumph or Tragedy?

Entries close 26 August. Learn how to research and to discover the past. <http://historychallenge.org.au/>

Sydney Science Forum

17 August. 2084: How future medicine will create a happier world. 21 September. Nature's Engineers: How ants, bees and slime moulds are helping us build better cities. 19 October. Does stress cause cancer? <http://sydney.edu.au/science/outreach/whats-on/forum/>

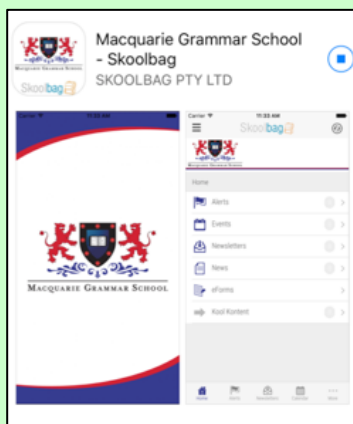
Careers in Maths

The American Mathematical Society website has a lot of information for young mathematicians. In particular the section "See where math is used" is very good for career planning.

<http://www.ams.org/programs/students/students/>

James Adamovich

Smartphone School Communication App – Skoolbag



Skoolbag is a mobile App for Macquarie Grammar School to communicate directly to parents, staff and students.

How to Install the Macquarie Grammar Skoolbag App on your smartphone:

iPhone Users

Simply search for "Macquarie Grammar School" in the App Store on your phone and install. After the App is installed on your phone, make sure that you select "OK" to allow push notifications.

Android Users

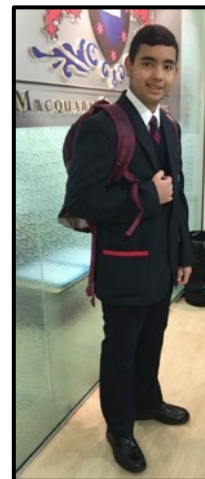
Simply search for "Macquarie Grammar School" in Google Play on your phone and install.



School Uniform

I have been assured that the supplier has all items in stock for parents/guardians to buy. I suggest that students have two of every clothing item except off course the blazer, jumper and tie. You order online through the Midford portal www.midford.com.au/Order-Online/. The item can be delivered to school for pick up once electronic payment is made. This is a wonderful system and it worked brilliantly at the end of Autumn Term.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused in its initial setup.



Uniform Online Ordering

Enjoy the convenience of online shopping. Save time and energy by ordering your uniforms online in 5 – 6 easy steps!

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China Cultural Study Tour

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*"we are one,
but we are many."*

There is a game called 'Never Have I Ever'. It is a simple game. All you need to do is state a list of things that you have never done before. Here's what my list used to look like:

- Never have I ever travelled overseas without my family
- Never have I ever been without my family longer than 5 days
- Never have I ever been on a flight longer than 6 hours
- Never have I ever seen a panda in real life
- Never have I ever eaten an animal's brain
- Never have I ever travelled via rickshaw

- Never have I ever travelled with someone from Columbia, China, Korea, Nepal and Australia, all at the same time
- Never have I ever visited one of the seven wonders of the medieval world
- Never have I ever lived without Snapchat for longer than a day in 2016
- Never have I ever met more than 10 British people in one setting
- Never have I ever taken a cheesy tourist photo
- Never have I ever travelled to more than three countries
- Never have I ever travelled overseas with friends
- Never have I ever been to China



That same list has changed dramatically. It now looks like this:

- *I always imagined long airplane flights would be fun. I found out that they're not as fun as I pictured. After falling asleep 4 times and finishing a book and a half and getting told to turn my phone off twice and ignoring the fact that I wanted to go to the bathroom because of my own personal dislike towards bathrooms that are 11000 metres in the air.*
Conclusion: Airplane flights are much cooler when they're less than 6 hours.
- *17 days is a long time to spend away from your home and family.*
Conclusion: Long amounts of time are infinitely more fun with good friends.
- *Two friends bought a scarf each. Both scarves were the exact same quality and were both equally beautiful. However, one friend bought her scarf for 130 RMB while the other friend bought her scarf for 20 RMB.*
Conclusion: Nice things do not have to be expensive.
- *When we first arrived to Beijing, it was night time and we were taken to our hotel on a private bus. The next morning I had found that I left my wallet and phone charger on the bus. I nearly cried. However, through a lot of hassle, patience and good people, I was able to retrieve my wallet back. (With no money or cards missing).*

Conclusion: Always make a mental checklist of your belongings when travelling. Especially money.

- *I came to the understanding that asthma and pollution did not get along too well.*
Conclusion: Oxygen is monumentally more appealing when it's clean.
- *It was quite surprising at how easy it was to live without social media. You definitely see a lot more when you're not looking at your phone.*
Conclusion: Social media is not the 'be-all and end-all' of life.
- *Always maintain high standards. Don't lower your standards for anyone.*
Conclusion: Never settle for anything less than the Guangxi Hotel.
- *Cherish your private treasures and embrace your time to yourself.*
Conclusion: There's no wonder as to why the Emperor didn't want people in the Forbidden City. It's probably immensely more beautiful if there were no people.
- *When surrounded by good-hearted people who can make you laugh, problems become small and nearly insignificant.*
Conclusion: Laughter is the best kind of remedy.
- *Food is love. Food is life.*
Conclusion: In terms of flavor, food in China is running laps around food at home.
- *Someone needs to invent portable air-conditioning. The manual fans are just not cutting the line.*
Conclusion: Beijing Summers bring out a 'beautiful, shiny look' to everyone at all times and places. (AKA: sweat)
- *It's called the Great Wall of China for a very noticeable Great reason.*
Conclusion: You haven't hiked anything until you've completed a section of the Great Wall of China.



HENGSHUI

- *It's extremely uncomfortable wearing blazers in 30 degree heat. However, we did get complimented on our uniform.*
Conclusion: First impressions are everything.

- Hengshui City was clean and clear.
Conclusion: Not all of China is polluted!
- Australian education is an absolute luxury that should never be taken for granted.
Conclusion: Never take education for granted, period.
- It was hard to see how intense the competition was for the kids at Hengshui High School.
Conclusion: Competition can make or break some people.
- The simple idea of living in Australia is a dream and an ultimate goal for some kids in Hengshui High School.
Conclusion: Your normal, everyday lifestyle is someone else's dream.
- Music is a global language. Hand gestures are a global language. Facial expressions are a global language. **Laughter is a global language.** You'll be surprised at how much someone can understand you even if you don't speak the same language. Language barriers do not have to be impossible.
Conclusion: Never be afraid of language barriers. There are many global languages.
- Some people attend school 7 days a week and 15 hours a day. Some attend 5 days a week and 6 hours a day,
Conclusion: There are always flaws and strengths in every system.
- In Australia we do a lot of practical learning. In Hengshui, we found that there was more textbook learning.
Conclusion: There are different ways of learning. Be flexible and adaptable to different types of learning.
- In preparing for our performance, we had to get to know each other and feel comfortable with one another to succeed.
Conclusion: Teamwork; get to know your team in order for it to work.
- Cultures are beautiful and magnificently fascinating. It's a much more colourful world when you are exposed to different cultures other than your own.
Conclusion: Embrace and be open-minded to different cultures.
- Chinese Opera is unique.
Conclusion: There are always new things to hear and see.
- It proved to be extremely difficult to remain happy when tired and hungry and hot.
Conclusion: Positivity goes a long way. Not always an easy way.
- Energy levels will falter no matter how young or old you are.
Conclusion: Even teenagers need sleep.
- Making fun of yourself can be surprisingly charismatic. Everyone loves a good sense of

humour.

Conclusion: Don't let your ego stop you from being real.

- Card games are a must on 5 hour bus trips; a captivating source of entertainment.
Conclusion: Uno is a 10 out of 10 card game.
- All good things come to a bittersweet end
Conclusion: Goodbyes are NEVER easy.



GUAGZHOU

- It's important to spend some time on your own. Solitude is healthy in moderation.
Conclusion: Always take the time to reflect on great times.
- Never lose sight of the importance of friendship.
Conclusion: Good times don't always last, but good memories do.

All in all, the opportunity to attend this trip was in all honesty one of the greatest opportunities that I have come to accept. Even though I have recorded some experiences that took place in China, words cannot fully explain or justify how gratifyingly an eye-opening experience it was. Personally, I would like to express my gratitude and love towards all the people who were able to make this trip happen: Mrs Sun, Mr Adamovich, Hengshui High School and Mr Yi. I would also like to extend that love and gratitude to the friends that I have made, Judy, Harry, Daisy, Vicky, Rohan, Haeley, Ellie, Laura and Mia.

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