

Information for Parents of HSC Students 2012

Web sites featured in here are:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>

<http://hsc.csu.edu.au/>

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

NB: University Applications are presented to the students in school, as are Access Scheme booklets.

Visit <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL studentonline.bos.nsw.edu.au. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The website itself has a header with the title "NSW Students Online" and a "Year 12" badge. Below the title is a navigation menu with links: Home, About, My Details, The HSC, Tips and Tools, News, and Search. To the right of the navigation menu is the Board of Studies logo and the text "BOARD OF STUDIES NEW SOUTH WALES".

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Latest News:** A section on the left with a "2 days ago" timestamp. It features a headline "Updated Stage 6 Construction Curriculum Framework syllabus" and a sub-headline "A new version of the Construction Curriculum Framework Part A Syllabus based on ...". Below this, under "In other news:", there are three bullet points: "ARTEXPRESS travels across NSW", "DesignTECH travels to regional NSW", and "2012 HSC Examination Timetable". A "News Archive" link is at the bottom of this section.
- Welcome to Students Online:** A central section with a red header. It contains the text: "Students Online is your source for information about your Higher School Certificate." and "Log in with your Student Number and HSC PIN to check your personal HSC details."
- Your personal account:** A section with a black header and a photo of two students. It contains the text: "Log in to My Details which is your personal Students Online account and:" followed by a list of five bullet points: "See your personal exam timetable", "Check you are enrolled in the correct courses", "Check your contact details and submit your email address for updates and to help if you lose your HSC PIN", "Submit your mobile number and also pre-register to receive your results by SMS in December", and "Change your HSC PIN to another number if you prefer".
- Login:** A section on the right with a red header and a key icon. It contains the text: "NSW Year 12 students: login now for your personal HSC details and resources." Below this are two input fields: "Student Number:" and "HSC PIN:". A "login" button is below the fields. At the bottom of this section, it says: "Trouble logging in? Forgot your HSC PIN? Your security".
- Your results:** A section at the bottom right with a black header and a network diagram icon.

The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screenshot, showing the Start button, several application icons, and the system clock displaying "9:22 AM Wednesday".



Important Year 12 Dates 2012

Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations	Wednesday, 22 – Friday, 31 August 2012
HSC Examinations start	Monday, 15 October 2012
UAC Key Dates for 2013 admissions All applicants must apply online. The UAC processing charge is \$26	
Early August 2012	applications open
Friday, 28 September 2012	on-time applications close
Wednesday, 31 October 2012	late applications close with late fee \$116
Friday, 30 November 2012	late applications close with late fee \$133
Thursday, 31 January 2013	final close of applications with late fee \$143
HSC results available by phone, internet and SMS at 6am	Wednesday, 19 December 2012
ATARS released by UAC	Thursday, 20 December 2012
Main Round offers	Wednesday, 16 January 2013 at 9pm

The following is the home page of the Board of Studies website
<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>

The screenshot shows the Board of Studies NSW website as it appeared in 2012. The browser window has multiple tabs open, including 'staff', 'Inbox (32) - minsun.suo@redf...', 'Redfield College - Calendar', and 'Home - Board of Studies NSW'. The address bar shows 'www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au'. The website header features the New South Wales Government logo and the Board of Studies NSW logo. A navigation bar includes links for 'ask government', 'index', 'news', 'contact us', and a search bar. The main content area is titled 'Essential Educational Resources for Australian Teachers and Students' and lists several key resources: 'Latest news' (including RoSA support, Stage 5/6 VET courses, and updated syllabuses), 'NSW Record of School Achievement (RoSA)', 'NSW Draft K-10 Syllabuses', 'ACE website', and 'The Australian curriculum in NSW'. A left sidebar contains a comprehensive list of links for curriculum, syllabuses, exams, results, and other educational resources. A right sidebar lists 'Board of Studies NSW sites' and 'eBOS Online Services'. The footer shows the Windows taskbar with the Start button, several open applications, and the system clock indicating 9:24 AM on Wednesday.

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Latest NEWS

Latest news

- RoSA: Support for schools in allocating Year 10 grades 21 May 2012
- Applications for new Stage 5 or 6 VET courses 21 May 2012
- What's new: Registration and Accreditation of Non-Government Schools 21 May 2012
- Updated Stage 6 Construction Curriculum Framework syllabus 21 May 2012

RECORD of SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT RoSA

NSW Record of School Achievement

The RoSA is the new credential for students who leave school after Year 10 and before they receive their HSC. [Read more](#)

NSW DRAFT K-10 SYLLABUSES for the Australian curriculum

NSW Draft K-10 Syllabuses

- The [second round](#) of consultation on the [draft K-10 syllabuses for English, Mathematics, Science and History](#) is from 13 February to 30 April 2012.
- Preview the draft K-10 syllabuses in [interactive online format](#)
- Read about the [first round](#) of consultation in 2011.

ACE online

ACE website

The [Assessment Certification Examination \(ACE\) website](#) provides up-to-date information on the Board of Studies NSW policies on the HSC.

The Australian curriculum

The Australian curriculum in NSW

In 2012 and 2013 schools will continue to use the existing NSW K-12 syllabuses. Read the [Official Notice](#).

Board of Studies NSW sites

- School Registration (RAVGS)
- Assessment Resource Centre (ARC)
- Assessment Certification Examination (ACE)
- HSC: All My Own Work
- BOS NSW News
- K-6 Educational Resources
- Aboriginal Education

eBOS Online Services

- Schools Online
- Schools Online - [new](#)
- Schools Online (Administration)
- Students Online
- Markers Online
- VCS Online
- RTOs Online
- Authorities Online
- HSC Results Online
- BOS NSW Shop Online

Partner websites

- NSW HSC Online
- Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Making Multicultural Australia
- Commemoration: Australia's wartime heritage
- Gallipoli and the Anzacs
- Australia's War 1939-1945
- The Kokoda Track

SHOP ONLINE

Board documents and products

SHOWCASES & EXHIBITIONS

- ARTEXPRESS
- Callback
- DesignTECH
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- OnStage
- Textstyle
- Young Writers Showcase

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The following is the home page of the NSW HSC Online website
<http://www.hsc.csu.edu.au/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.hsc.csu.edu.au/. The page features a navigation menu with links for STUDENTS, TEACHERS, and PARENTS. The main content area is titled "Subjects" and lists various subjects including Aboriginal Studies, Agriculture, Ancient History, Arabic, Automotive, Biology, Business Services, Business Studies, Chemistry, Chinese, Community & Family Studies, Construction, Dance, Design & Technology, Drama, Earth & Environmental Science, Economics, Engineering Studies, English, Entertainment, Food Technology, French, Geography, German, Hospitality, Indonesian, Industrial Technology, Information Processes & Technology, Information Technology, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Legal Studies, Mathematics, Metal & Engineering, Modern Greek, Modern History, Music, PDHPE, Physics, Primary Industries, Retail, Senior Science, Society & Culture, Software Design & Development, Spanish, Textiles & Design, Tourism & Events, Turkish, Vietnamese, and Visual Arts. A green button labeled "HSC Exam Timetable" is located below the subject list. The footer contains three sections: "STUDY & EXAMS" (Information on Study and Exams for NSW HSC Students), "BEYOND THE HSC" (Beyond the HSC: Careers info, options for University etc.), and "FOR PARENTS" (Information for Parents and Carers of HSC Students). The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several open applications including "NSW HSC Online - Goo...", "SAS2000 7.0.30125 - Re...", "HSC", "Information for Parents ...", and "untitled - Paint", along with the system clock showing 9:25 AM on Wednesday.

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NSW HSC online

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Agriculture
Ancient History
Arabic
Automotive
Biology
Business Services
Business Studies
Chemistry
Chinese
Community & Family Studies
Construction
Dance
Design & Technology
Drama
Earth & Environmental Science
Economics
Engineering Studies
English
Entertainment
Food Technology
French
Geography
German
Hospitality
Indonesian
Industrial Technology
Information Processes & Technology
Information Technology
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Legal Studies
Mathematics
Metal & Engineering
Modern Greek
Modern History
Music
PDHPE
Physics
Primary Industries
Retail
Senior Science
Society & Culture
Software Design & Development
Spanish
Textiles & Design
Tourism & Events
Turkish
Vietnamese
Visual Arts

HSC Exam Timetable

STUDY & EXAMS
Information on Study and Exams for NSW HSC Students

BEYOND THE HSC
Beyond the HSC: Careers info, options for University etc.

FOR PARENTS
Information for Parents and Carers of HSC Students

www.hsc.csu.edu.au/society_culture/

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Introduction

It is not just students who can find the HSC year a very stressful and difficult time. During interviews with students, teachers and parents it was suggested that family members also need support during the HSC year. They want to help but are often fearful of appearing to interfere.

This is frequently the year during which, in addition to sitting for the HSC, Year 12 students may:

- lose interest in school
- have no plans for after the HSC
- develop an intense relationship with a boyfriend or girlfriend
- gain a driver's licence
- experiment with legal or illegal drugs
- have a part-time job
- be a member of a sporting team
- develop an eating disorder
- suffer from depression.

All these are complications which can cause parents and caregivers additional concern. It is important to be aware that you are not alone. For Parents provides information on the people and agencies that you can contact for help with personal, academic and career issues.

This node of NSW HSC Online aims to help parents and family members gain an understanding of:

- what is involved in sitting for the HSC
- where to find necessary information
- how to support a Year 12 student
- how to prepare, not just for the final examination, but also for after the HSC.

Helping your Year 12 student through the HSC

The following is part of an address delivered by Richard Cracknell, Counsellor and District Guidance Officer, at a Year 12 parent evening in Inverell.

"The most obvious forms of support parents can offer are the practical, physical things:

- Provide a good place to study. Ideally it should be quiet, a comfortable temperature, with good ventilation, good lighting, adequate desk or table space and free from distractions such as TV, noise, a telephone, interesting conversations, little brothers and sisters.
- Provide good, balanced meals.
- Encourage sensible levels of sleep and some form of regular exercise.
- Encourage moderation in late night parties and alcohol consumption.

Less obvious but of equal or perhaps greater importance are the things you can do to provide a positive and understanding emotional environment.

- Be supportive and encouraging.
- Highlight strengths and successes. Encourage your child not to dwell on failures. Reframe failures as "mistakes" and encourage them to see mistakes as something we can learn from, something that can give positive directions for remedial action.
- Appreciate that most students will be experiencing quite a high level of stress, frequently without any obvious indicators. Many fear that they might let their family down. (Beware of setting unrealistic expectations). Others fear that they will not be able to match the performance of siblings or relatives. There are also many pressures other than examination pressures. Many students experience a sense of impending departure: leaving home, leaving lifelong friends, the prospect of having to live in an alien city environment.
- Appreciate that it is normal for people under pressure to become supersensitive and explosive from time to time. Family members are usually the first targets. Try not to overreact to such outbursts.
- Avoid confrontations especially over minor matters, like leaving lights on, leaving the lid off the toothpaste and not doing chores.
- Don't panic when they announce on the evening before the examination that they know nothing. (Reassure them, even if you think they could be right. "Just do the best you can. We know you're giving it your best shot." is a good standby.)
- Avoid nagging. (That doesn't mean you can't give a nudge or gentle reminder from time to time. Note that sometimes one parent can do this more successfully than the other.)
- Encourage confidence by reassuring them. If you have doubts, keep them to yourself.
- Be realistic in your expectations as to where the HSC leads. For the majority of HSC students, university study is an unrealistic option.
- Encourage your child to seek help from teachers or the school counsellor if he or she is having any difficulty with subjects, study organisation, stress or anxiety about examinations.
- Make reasonable concessions, such as release from some household chores as study programs become more demanding. (However, you should only do this because you want to, not as a means of "blackmail".)
- Encourage a reasonable balance between work and leisure. Planned leisure periods are an essential component of a good study program. An occasional total escape for a few days may also be excellent therapy for a student who is feeling stale or excessively stressed.

- Take an interest in what your child is doing, if he or she will allow you to (some won't). This can include the subjects or topics being studied, how he or she has organised study timetables and programs and leisure pursuits. (Note: "Taking an interest in" does not mean interfering.)
- Remember the occasional hug and "I love you" do not go astray, even when they are 18 years old.
- Encourage and allow your child to be as independent as you can possibly stand. The more independent he or she can be in meeting the demands of Year 12, the better prepared he or she will be to succeed at a tertiary level or in the workforce.

Having said all this:

Parents of Year 12:

Don't feel too badly when you forget not to nag, when you get picky, and complain bitterly that your child has the time to attend the eighteenth birthday party of every Year 12 student but doesn't have time to help with the washing up. As parents, we are only human and because we can't help being over-involved, we also feel the pressure of Year 12 from time to time.

Year 12 students:

Try to understand when we behave in a less than supportive and encouraging way. Chances are that it stems from the fact that, as your parents, we care too much.

Some rationalisations

Finally, it is inevitable that some students or parents will be disappointed when the HSC results finally arrive and the Year 12 student fails to achieve as well as he or she had hoped. Should this happen in your family some of the following rationalisations may be of help:

1. Tertiary education is not the only path to a successful and fulfilling life.
2. Look at how much growing up you've managed to do over the last two years. You are much better prepared to leave home and go out into the world now than you were two years ago. It certainly hasn't been a waste of time.
3. If you really want to go on to tertiary education later there are many other pathways. Interestingly, the success rate of mature age students is much higher than for those who go straight from school.
4. Once you've got yourself settled into a job or a training course somewhere you'll probably never look at your HSC again; it'll probably just sit in the bottom drawer and gather dust."

Richard Cracknell, District Guidance Officer, Inverell High School.

Study and Exams

[Home](#) > Study and Exams

Welcome to the Study and Exams node of NSW HSC Online. This node contains a wealth of information. Even if you only visit a few of the links listed, you will gain valuable insights into a range of topics from learning in general through preparing for examinations and test-taking tactics to specific skills such as stress management and time management.

The basic purpose of this node is to equip you with skills and techniques that will improve your performance as you prepare for the Higher School Certificate (HSC). The HSC examinations are often portrayed as the "most important examinations in your life". This viewpoint can place a lot of pressure on you. We believe that if students are well prepared, in control of their own environment and aware of their strengths and weaknesses (in their study ability), then the significance of this statement can be put into perspective in a calm and reassuring way.

Throughout the following pages, links to external sites are marked with an arrow (like this: [teach.NSW](#)). These links will open in a new window.

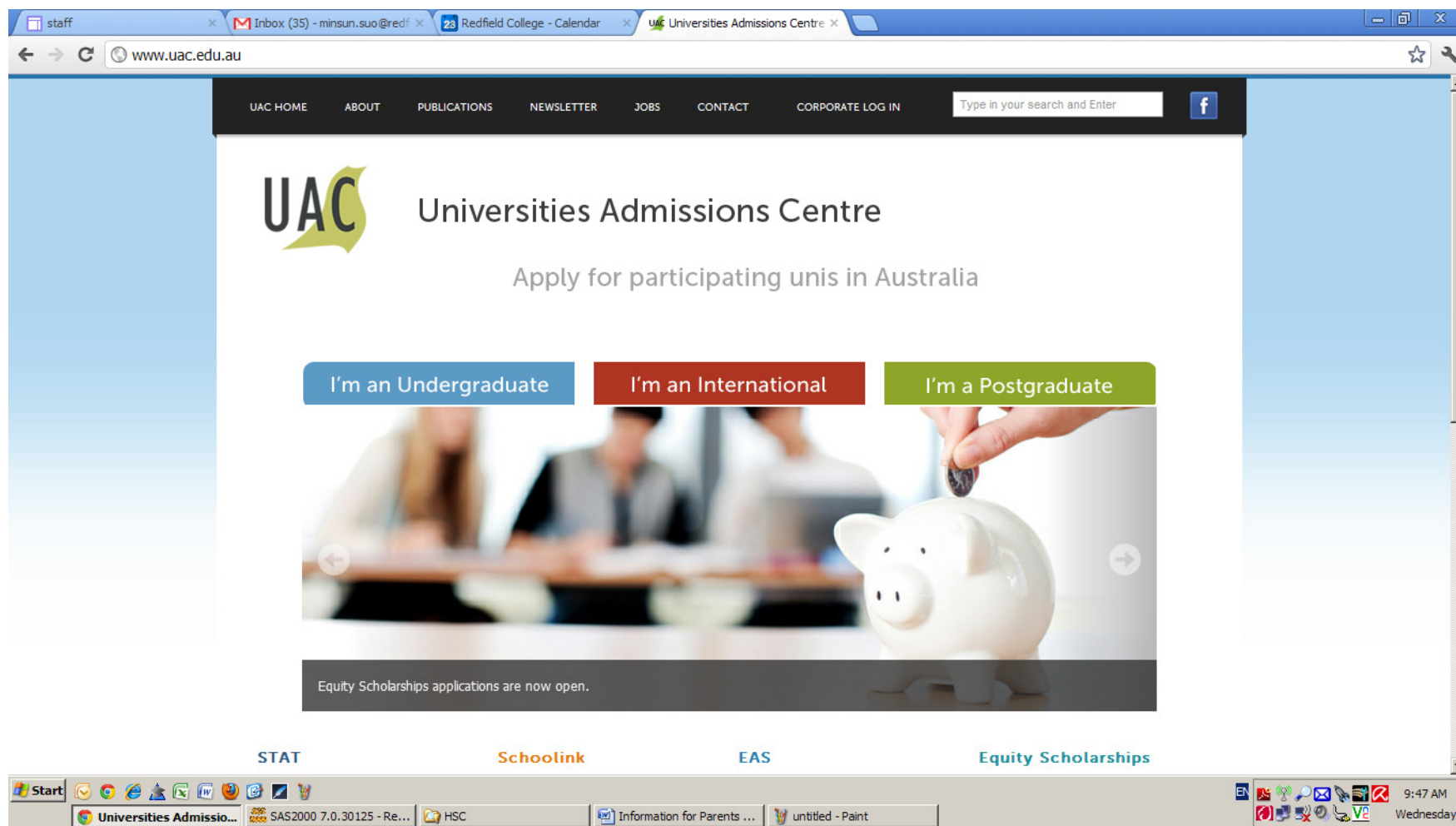
This node contains the following categories of topics to assist you in preparing for the HSC:

- [All My Own Work](#)
- [Avoiding Plagiarism](#)
- [Building your Vocabulary](#)
- [Concentration & Motivation](#)
- [Controlling your Study Environment](#)
- [Drawing information from Textbooks & Novels](#)
- [Effective Memorisation Techniques](#)
- [Exam Preparation & Strategies](#)
- [General Resources](#)
- [Giving Effective Oral Presentations](#)
- [Learning Styles & Multiple Intelligences](#)
- [Listening Skills](#)
- [Maths, Science & Writing Skills](#)
- [Note-taking Skills](#)
- [Referencing](#)
- [Stress Management](#)
- [Study Preparation](#)
- [Time & Study Management](#)

The first few topics are general in nature and will help you think about how you learn, where you learn, and how to manage yourself within a learning environment. The next set of topics offers advice on specific techniques for study and exam preparation. The final two topics are for sharpening your skills in both written and oral forms.

We hope you enjoy your learning journey.

The following is the home page of the UAC website <http://www.uac.edu.au/>



The HSC Advice Line Telephone Number is

13 11 12

The [HSC Advice Line](#) is a telephone service that provides course assistance and support by experienced teachers in 20 of the most popular HSC courses. The Advice Line will be open every day from

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