YR12 INFO EVENINGS

SUTHERLAND
THURSDAY 7 AUGUST 08
Sutherland Entertainment Centre
30 Eton Street, Sutherland
6:30pm – 8:30pm

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS
TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 08
Carrington Room, Mittagong RSL Club,
Cnr Hume Highway & Bessemer Street,
Mittagong
6:30pm – 8:30pm

WOLLONGONG
TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 08
University Hall, University of Wollongong
Northfields Avenue, Wollongong
6:30pm – 8:30pm

CAMPBELLTOWN
MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 08
Campbelltown RSL Club
Carberry Lane, Campbelltown
6:30pm – 8:30pm

LOFTUS*
TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 08
University of Wollongong –
Loftus Education Centre
1 Pitt Street, Loftus
6:30pm – 8:00pm

NOWRA
TUESDAY 29 JULY 08
University of Wollongong –
Shoalhaven Campus
6.30pm – 8.30pm

FACULTY INFORMATION EVENINGS:

CREATIVE ARTS
INFORMATION NIGHT
TUESDAY 27 MAY 08
6.00pm – 8.00pm
University of Wollongong, Bld 25

ARTS/COMMERCE/LAW
INFORMATION EVENING
TUESDAY 3 JUNE 08
6.00pm – 8.00pm
University of Wollongong, Bld 67

SCIENCE/ENGINEERING/IT
INFORMATION EVENING
TUESDAY 1 JULY 08
6.00pm – 8.00pm
University of Wollongong, Bld 67

Bookings are essential,
please call 1300 367 869
to reserve a place

*This session will only cover specific
information about studying at the Loftus
Education Centre.

YR10 INFO EVENINGS

SUTHERLAND
WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 08
Sutherland Entertainment Centre
30 Eton Street, Sutherland
6:30pm – 8:30pm

WOLLONGONG
MONDAY 30 JUNE 08
University Hall, University of Wollongong
Northfields Avenue, Wollongong
6:30pm – 8:30pm

NOWRA
TUESDAY 29 JULY 08
University of Wollongong –
Shoalhaven Campus
6.30pm – 8.30pm
WELCOME TO THE FIRST UNISPEAK OF 2008

Over the year, we’ll send you this newsletter to give you relevant information to help you through the process of deciding which uni to go to; we will keep you up-to-date with all the latest degree information and research developments at the University of Wollongong (UOW); share student stories and profiles that you can relate to and give you other interesting facts about uni life.

WHAT’S INSIDE UNISPEAK

We have just hosted Discovery Days—see pages 7 and 8 for info and pics—and we are about to attend the many careers markets across NSW and the ACT. In this edition is information about careers markets and important questions you should ask—knowing the right questions will make these events far more useful for you, and will hopefully help you make good decisions when the time comes to pick a uni or degree.

We have also featured information about Early Entry—an entry scheme at UOW where you can gain a place at UOW before you sit the HSC! We also have a student profile and some other interesting stories about UOW.

Be sure to check out the important dates we have included on the back cover—we have a range or information evenings for year 10 and year 12 students in a variety of locations. We also have faculty specific information evenings—so if you already know what area you are interested in it is important to attend these events as well.

More information will be available on these closer to the date, but it’s still a good idea to save the date in your diary now.

Happy reading!
UOW UniAdvice Team

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TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 10.30AM–2.30PM
SATURDAYS 1PM–5PM
1. What degrees do you offer that relate to my interests, HSC subjects and career ambitions?

Degree names vary from uni to uni, and college to college. For example, if you are interested in a career in ‘business’, this may be called ‘commerce’ or ‘business administration’ depending on who you are speaking with.

2. What ‘assumed knowledge’ and ‘recommended’ studies apply to the degrees I’m interested in?

For example, if Mathematics Ext. 1 is ‘assumed knowledge’ for a degree that you wish to study and you have only studied Mathematics, you may find the degree quite difficult.

3. Are there any alternative entry paths for the course I am interested in? What are my options if I don’t get the UAI for my course?

Ask if you can transfer from studying, for example, business to law; or ask about TAFE or college programs which will make you eligible to apply to your chosen uni after completion.

4. Are there any ‘Early Entry’ options into the courses I’m interested in?

The University of Wollongong offers Early Entry into selected faculties and courses for which students can apply and be made an offer before they sit the HSC. Visit: www.uow.edu.au/prospective/earlyentry

5. What are the job prospects like for the careers that I’m interested in?

To see all Careers markets that UOW is attending in 2008, please see: www.uow.edu.au/prospective/teachers/UOW003079.html

6. Are there compulsory job placements in the degrees I’m interested in? Are there other ways to gain work experience within my degree?

7. What is the workload for the degrees like?

Ask about hours per week; types of assessments; full-time and part-time study options.

8. What scholarships are available?

9. Are there national or international exchange opportunities at this university?

10. What are my accommodation options?

Keep your eyes open for important careers markets that are coming up in your area or at your school. You can talk to UOW one-on-one at these events and pick up all our course materials.

**DATE** | **EVENT**
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Wednesday 30 April | Tamworth Regional Careers Expo
Thursday 1 May | Armidale Careers Expo
Tuesday 6 May | Illawarra Careers Expo
Wednesday 7 May | Illawarra Careers Expo
Thursday 8 May | Southern Districts Uni Day – Sutherland Entertainment Centre
Monday 12 May | St Ignatius College Careers Expo
Tuesday 13 May | Lower North Shore Tertiary Information Evening
Wednesday 14 May | Northern Suburbs Tertiary Day
Thursday 15 May | Northern Suburbs Tertiary Day
At the University of Wollongong we recognise that the UAI is not the only indication of your aptitude to excel at University level.

If you are interested or passionate about a certain area of study we encourage you to apply for Early Entry at UOW. Early Entry is available for certain courses in ALL 9 faculties at UOW.

The Early Entry program at UOW allows current Year 12 students to apply for Early Entry into a number of degrees. Successful applicants receive either a guaranteed place or an offer that is conditional upon the results of your final exams.

Entry is based on academic record (including Trial HSC results) and an interview.

There will be information on how to apply for Early Entry coming up very soon, so keep your eyes open!

“EARLY ENTRY HELPED GIVE ME PEACE OF MIND IN MY FINAL YEAR AT SCHOOL BECAUSE I KNEW THAT I WAS ALREADY ACCEPTED. I FOUND THAT IT HELPED KICK START MY GOALS FOR FURTHER EDUCATION EARLIER. THE INTERVIEW EXPERIENCE I GAINED WAS EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL, AS WELL AS SEEING THE CAMPUS FIRST HAND.”

REBECCA TAYLOR
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE)
KEIRA HIGH SCHOOL, WOLLONGONG
University of Wollongong scientists have made an exciting discovery that enables processing and fabrication of an abundant form of carbon with extraordinary properties.

Results of the discovery were released in the prestigious international journal, Nature (Nanotechnology), on January 28.

Director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Electromaterials Science (ACES), Professor Gordon Wallace, said results already indicated that the discovery would lead to advances in energy conversion (new transparent electrodes for solar cells), energy storage (new electrodes for batteries—especially flexible batteries) and as new electrodes in medical bionics.

Graphene is the name given to the individual sheets of carbon, just one atom thick, that stack together to form graphite. Keeping graphene sheets separate from one another is a difficult task because they tend to stick together, forming larger structures that are not particularly useful. However, now the UOW team, using a sequence of chemical reactions, has shown how aqueous dispersions of well-separated graphene sheets can be made from graphite—an abundant and inexpensive starting material.

Their approach maximises the electrostatic charge on the graphene sheets, ensuring that they repel one another instead of clumping together.

Professor Wallace said that this low-cost approach offers the potential for large-scale production of stable graphene colloids that can be processed using well-established solution-based techniques—such as filtration or spraying—to make conductive films.

“In addition to antistatic coatings, these materials are expected to have applications in flexible transparent electronics, high-performance composites and nanomedicine,” he said.

Check out Course Finder
coursefinder.uow.edu.au

Bachelor of Nanotechnology
UAC Code: 757625
UAI: 85.00

NEW STUDENTS MOVE IN TO UOW

Approximately 4000 new students started at UOW in February and over 1300 of these students moved into their new university residences in late February to begin their university experience by living at UOW. Students came from areas as close as Sydney to as far away as Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, USA, Thailand, India, Indonesia and Europe.

“Students moving into residences will be experiencing a range of emotions from excitement to trepidation,” said Michael Gillmore, General Manager of UOW Accommodation Services. “For many students, this is their first time living away from home and for students coming from other countries, there may be exciting cultural differences that they will encounter. Our emphasis is definitely on making new students feel welcome.”

“It was very daunting at first,” agrees Christina Faddy-Vrouwe, a new first-year student at International House. “My home town is Lake Cathie which is just south of Port Macquarie, over 7 hours away. This is my first time living away from home and knowing that I just can’t go home for the weekend was a bit intimidating, but you realise everyone is in the same situation.

“I arrived a few weeks early to do a bridging course and there were a few other people at I-House doing the same thing. We went bike riding a lot and got to know the Wollongong area. Then everyone started arriving and O-Week was awesome. There were so many people to meet; we had a beach day and played beach volleyball, a bush dance on Friday night and we all went ten-pin bowling—we had the place to ourselves.

“Even at dinner, you meet so many people, it’s not just ‘sit down and eat’. You end up staying and talking for ages,” said Christina. “On Monday night we did yoga and yesterday we did African drumming—my hands are still sore! New students shouldn’t be anxious, everyone is very open and everyone wants to meet other people.”

Student Residence Managers at each of the seven UOW residences are well prepared, and each residence runs comprehensive Orientation Programs designed to ease new students into their new surroundings. Activities such as movie nights, excursions to local sights, BBQs, trips to the beach, and information sessions for parents and family members all ensure a smooth transition.

Check out Accommodation at UOW
www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation

LOCAL AND REGIONAL BONUS UAI SCHEME

If you have a UOW course as a preference and you completed your HSC in 2008 at one of the schools in our regional area, or at a rural or remote school in NSW, your admissions rank will automatically be increased by three points for all Wollongong preferences. A full list of the schools eligible for the regional bonus is located at www.uow.edu.au/prospective/bonus.html
This Year’s Discovery Days were the biggest and best we have seen! This year for the first time, we needed to extend the program to 5 days just to cope with demand.

In February, over 5500 students from over 134 schools from all over NSW landed at UOW!

The aim of Discovery Days is to give you a taste of what uni life is like. Just like uni, you enrolled in subjects, found your way to lectures enjoyed lunch on our Duckpond lawn. We hope that you had a great time, meet some like-minded students, and saw first hand what UOW has to offer.

After Discovery Days, hopefully you’re a lot clearer on what you are good at and what you would like to study after you finish school. Some of you might have discovered what you are not good at, and don’t like—this is just as important. If you’re still not sure (which is totally normal!) UOW will be having plenty of information events throughout the year to help you make sure you’re making all the right decisions about your future. Keep an eye out in UniSpeak for dates.

Year 12 is such an important year for you—not only because of the HSC, but also because you will be deciding on what direction you want your future to take. In 2008, make sure that you take the time to research universities that you might like to attend, go to careers markets and visit uni websites—get as much information as you can get your hands on!

We hope that Discovery Days helped open your eyes to the many opportunities available to you at UOW.

“IT WAS SUCH A FUN DAY AND HAS LEFT MY FRIENDS AND I EXHILARATED AND READY TO COME TO UNI!”
LAURA ELBOURNE-BINNS
MOSS VALE HIGH SCHOOL

“I HAD A PRETTY CLEAR IDEA THAT I WANTED TO GET A CAREER IN GRAPHIC DESIGN; I WAS UNSURE WHETHER I WANTED TO GO TO UNI OR TAFE. DISCOVERY DAYS HAS MADE MY CHOICE PRETTY CLEAR, THAT I WANT TO GO TO UNI, I HAD A GREAT TIME.”
MITCHELL THOMAS
ALBION PARK HIGH SCHOOL
COULDN'T COME TO DISCOVERY DAYS? OR WANT TO VISIT US AGAIN?

The University of Wollongong runs campus tours Monday to Friday, all year round.
To book a tour call 1300 367 869 or email uniadvice@uow.edu.au

THANKS FOR SENDING THROUGH YOUR D-DAY FEEDBACK.

We're glad that so many of you had a great day!

Everyone who sent through their feedback went into a draw to win an iPod Touch -
Congratulations to Samantha Blasonato from Robert Townson High School who has won!

THERE ARE ALSO PLENTY OF PHOTOS FROM THE DAYS, CHECK THEM OUT. YOU MIGHT SEE YOURSELF OR YOUR FRIENDS!

WWW.DISCOVERYDAYS.UOW.EDU.AU
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SPENCER STUART, THE US COMPANY THAT PUBLISHES ‘ROUTE TO THE TOP’, HAVE FORMALLY ANALYSED THE UNDERGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CEOs OF ALL OF STANDARD AND POOR’S TOP 500 COMPANIES. AMONG MANY OTHER THINGS, THEY FOUND THAT IN 2006: “ENGINEERING, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMICS WERE THE TOP THREE MOST COMMON UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES WITH ENGINEERING DOMINATING AT 33%, FOLLOWED BY BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WITH 11% AND ECONOMICS WITH 13%”.

TOP DOG DEGREES

CONSIDER STUDYING ENGINEERING AT UOW! DANE TRAEGEER DID—HE’S A RECENT GRADUATE FROM UOW WHO COMPLETED A BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING (MINING)

What made you choose to study at the University of Wollongong over any other institution?

Great location; I moved from country to the beach. UOW also had a great degree on offer, and there was the lure of available engineering scholarships.

What do you like best about UOW?

The relaxed atmosphere—there are no tall buildings, the grounds are beautiful, academic staff are really approachable; which makes the general vibe of the campus just great.

How do you feel the University of Wollongong is preparing you for the future?

What UOW does is excellent! I believe studying here has helped me to decide where I eventually want to end up, and it’s given me the skills and knowledge to strive for these goals.

What's your favourite class at Uni?

Underground Metal Mining. We get to do a 5-day field trip to western NSW to visit mining sites and learn all about current industry practices.

Why did you choose to study your particular degree?

I was exposed to Mining Engineering while in Year 12 and it seemed like a pretty good idea. Plus the lure of money on offer in this particular industry at the moment was another major factor.

What kind of activities are you involved in on campus?

I was on the Ski Team, in the Cricket club, and also served as Vice-President of the mining society.

What kind of career do you think you might like to pursue after University?

I would eventually like to end up in a corporate position with a large company, looking after the financial aspects of the business.

What's it like living on campus?

I spent my first 2 years at Weerona College—which was awesome. I met so many great people, made so many great friends and enjoyed an awesome social lifestyle.

How did you find relocating to Wollongong for study?

It was really easy. Orientation week was a great transition, and I found that there were so many more organised activities to do, compared with where I grew up.

How do you think your Study Abroad experience has enriched your time at University?

I didn’t actually do Study Abroad, but I did work on a student visa for 4 months over summer as a ski instructor, and had the time of my life.

Check out Course Finder coursefinder.uow.edu.au
Bachelor of Engineering (Mining)
UAC Code: 755615
UAI: 78.00
“WEIRD HISTORY IS AS OLD AS THE WRITING OF HISTORY ITSELF,”
SAID ORGANISER PROFESSOR GREG MELLEUSH FROM THE SCHOOL OF HISTORY AND POLITICS IN THE FACULTY OF ARTS.

Did the Chinese visit England and America in the 15th century? Did the Mongols really invade Russia? Were there secret visitors to Australia?

These questions and many more were explored at the Weird History Colloquium held at the University of Wollongong on February 1, where speakers analysed some very strange forms of history and the capacity to believe in conspiracy theories.

The event explored some of the forms of ‘weird history’ and archaeology in both books and on television and discussed how it is becoming increasingly difficult to discern what should be taken seriously and what should be thrown in the rubbish bin.

“Weird history is as old as the writing of history itself,” said Organiser Professor Greg Melleuish from the School of History and Politics in the Faculty of Arts.

“The father of history, Herodotus, recounts some very strange stories in his history, and although he is sceptical of some of them, others are presented as if they were true.”

Professor Melleuish said that the desire to believe in the fabulous, the fantastic and the downright weird appears to be inherent in human nature.

He said the colloquium considered the sorts of flaws and inconsistencies that pervade what we have called weird history and will ask how we discern it from the real thing. It also considered what the role of the historian and archaeologist should be in dealing with weird history.

“It’s also important that individuals be able to exercise their judgement so that they can determine what is plausible and what is not, while being able to appreciate the romances of weird history for what they are—largely works of fiction.”

The event featured presentations from a number of academics on topics including voyages in a parallel universe, the rewriting of Russian history, 200 years of secret visitors, famous historical conspiracy theories and convict escape mythology.

Check out Course Finder coursefinder.uow.edu.au

Bachelor of Arts (History)
UAC Code: 753101
UAI: 75.00
A logical but strategic new game has had a group of marketing students from the University of Wollongong in heavy thought for the past few months.

Analysing the game was part of a Marketing Principles summer session subject that involved students dealing with ‘real life’ marketing situations.

The students analysed this new game, which was designed by a local inventor, and then were required to develop appropriate pricing, distribution and promotional strategies for the product. A prize was recently awarded to the winning group for their efforts.

“The product was called ‘The 1 Game’ and was developed by locally based designer and businessman Harry Nuss,” said Lecturer in the School of Management and Marketing, Mr Paul Chad.

Harry Nuss has used his design skills and ability to think laterally in a wide variety of industries including designing shoes, factory equipment, aluminium structures, plastic products, buildings and leather goods.

His ability to create concepts and bring them to life led him to founding ‘Dinner for Six’ which he set up throughout Australia and Hong Kong — the largest singles’ organisation of its kind in the world.

Another interesting task for the Marketing students involved a linkage with a textbook publisher that provided ‘real life’ marketing case scenarios from a number of different companies. Each case profiled a senior marketer within the organisation, detailed a real life situation for the company and listed three options for the marketer.

Students were then asked to analyse the cases and select the appropriate option. The students’ responses are now being submitted to the publisher and the winning responses may be published in the upcoming Australian version of the text.

“Practical assignments like these are a great example of UOW providing students with application of theory rather than just simply reading textbooks, and our linkages with local businesses provide a win-win alliance,” said Mr Chad.

“The students get experience in assessing real-life products, and the product owner gets ideas regarding how to market their products.”

Check out Course Finder [coursefinder.uow.edu.au](http://coursefinder.uow.edu.au)

Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing)
UAC Code: 753602
UAI: 78.00

University of Wollongong Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gerard Sutton, has been made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the 2008 Australia Day Honours for his service to tertiary education.

The award acknowledged his “service to tertiary education through administrative and representational roles, particularly as a leader in the growth and development of the University of Wollongong, through the promotion of international management in Australian higher education, and to the community of the Illawarra”.

Professor Sutton, who has been UOW Vice-Chancellor since 1995, said he was immensely proud to receive such a recognition—an award which he believes is really one for the region and the University as a whole.
INTERESTED IN SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology is the study of social life, cultural and social change and the social causes and consequences of human behaviour. By acquiring sociological skills students develop the ability to analyse a wide variety of social processes, institutions, causes of social change and the structures of groups and societies. Specific areas of study for sociologists include gender and social class, crime and punishment, race and ethnicity, the family, welfare and education reform, everyday life experiences, social movements, social change in Asia, sport and entertainment, and youth and popular culture.

Those of you that were lucky enough to attend Dr Michael Flood’s lecture on sociology at Discovery Days would have learned many things including ‘How to Fall in Love’. This is just a sample of what you will learn if you choose to do a Arts degree in Sociology. Not what you would expect, right? Read on …

Here are five tips for how to maximise your chances that you’ll find Mr or Ms Right.

LIKE SEEKS LIKE

Look for someone as much like you as possible, because chances are that he or she is looking for you. We prefer mates with similar backgrounds, interests, values and beliefs because they validate our own; in fact, the more similar in attitudes, the greater the attraction level between couples.

HOME IS WHERE IT’S AT

Forget about long-distance romances, proximity rules. Being situated close to your potential love object—whether at the next desk or in the next street—ensures repeated exposure, beneficial because the more we see someone, the more we like them (unless we strongly disliked them at first exposure, in which case the opposite is true). That’s why we so often end up with workmates or the boy/girl next door.

DECLARE YOUR DESIRE

A major turn on is the simple realisation that someone fancies you. It makes you feel good about yourself, which overflows into feeling good about them. So be lavish with the compliments.

KEEP THEM HAPPY

We’re more likely to make positive judgements when in a good mood, and to give the thumbs down when we’re sad or mad. The better we feel, the more we like whomever we’re with, so if your date isn’t in a good mood at the start of the evening, cheer them up fast or you haven’t a hope.

This is why you should be very selective of the venue where you meet or take your date, as a pleasant environment will lift their mood and, by association, opinion of you. Avoid taking them to stressful places such as dental surgeries, exam rooms and war zones.

Check out Course Finder coursefinder.uow.edu.au

Bachelor of Arts (Sociology)
UAC Code: 753101
UAI: 75.00