

# ACU School's Recommendation Program

At ACU, we recognise some students are facing extra challenges during Year 12, which can impact their path to higher education. The ACU School's Recommendation Program (SRP) has been designed to help these students pursue their goals by offering them a place in an ACU degree or pathway course.

To determine who could benefit from the SRP, we work with partner schools to identify students who have experienced educational disadvantage, such as financial, health, or family challenges.

Schools are invited to recommend eligible students from their current Year 12 cohort for entry into the program. A letter of recommendation from the Principal or another school staff member must be submitted on a prospective student's behalf, outlining their suitability to higher education studies. Alternatively, students are invited to self-nominate to their principal or another school staff member for the SRP if they deem themselves a suitable candidate.

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#### SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

- will receive entry into an ACU course (as offered through VTAC, QTAC or UAC)
- will receive an email from ACU with the SRP course details prior to the Tertiary Admission Centre offer dates
- will have access to additional student support services through their first year of study
- will receive an invitation to an ACUSmart event, an on-campus tertiary support program held before classes begin
- will receive an ACU bookstore voucher to the value of \$250.

### THE SCHOOL'S ROLE

- to identify eligible students with potential to pursue a university degree who are standouts in their school and community
- to provide information about the program to prospective students, parents and staff
- to complete the online application, including the letter of recommendation from the principal or school staff member and ACU course preference(s)
- to ensure each student's ACU preferences are listed on the VTAC, UAC or QTAC application (an ACU course listed as a first preference is preferred but not mandatory).

NB: SRP offer will not be made if the student gains entry to a higher preferenced course at another institution.

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#### ACU'S ROLE

- to email the school confirming the SRP application is lodged successfully
- · to consider the appropriateness of the application
- to interview student at the school with a teacher in attendance
- to notify the school and the student of a successful application.

#### **ONLINE APPLICATIONS**

Applications will be assessed based on the letter of recommendation from the school, ATAR/OP results, and course preference(s). SRP listed preferences must be reflected in students' VTAC, UAC or QTAC applications. Official SRP offers will be made through the VTAC, UAC or QTAC processes.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Start of Term 3: online applications open
- Interviews will be scheduled as applications are received
- End of Term 3: applications close

# CONTACT

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