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Dear Natalya

During our discussion with the Committee last week, some interest was expressed in the Bonus Rank scheme for school leavers with Languages other than English and/or Maths C.

I neglected to mention to the Committee that we also offer a bonus to students who have completed a university-level course while at high school. At UQ (and I believe many other universities), it is possible for high school students to take a university 'subject' in conjunction with one of their senior high school subjects.

I attach a brochure describing the scheme and a URL that has some further details.

More details are available at: <http://www.uq.edu.au/study/index.html?page=86632>

Once again, thanks very much for the opportunity to discuss these important matters with the Committee

Best regards

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Are you eligible?

The scheme is open to school-leavers who complete Year 12 in Australia from 2008. This includes students of the International Baccalaureate. It also applies to Australian citizens who complete Year 12 while living overseas.

The three eligibility groups are:

- Year 12 (or equivalent) school leavers
- Australian applicants regardless of where they undertook Year 12, or
- international applicants who are undertaking Year 12 in Australia.



Students who are awarded a place using the scheme will be able to defer that offer for up to 12 months while they take a break between school and university.

The scheme is not open to students who completed Year 12 prior to 2008 (including gap year students).

Photos: Students outside the UQ Ipswich Library (above) and having fun at UQ's Science and Engineering Challenge (below)

Automatic bonus

There is no extra application process for the UQ Bonus Rank scheme. Students apply to study at UQ through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) and the UQ Admissions team will automatically assess whether students are eligible for bonus points.



Queensland school-leavers who earn a bonus will generally have it considered along with their OP when their application for a UQ program is assessed.

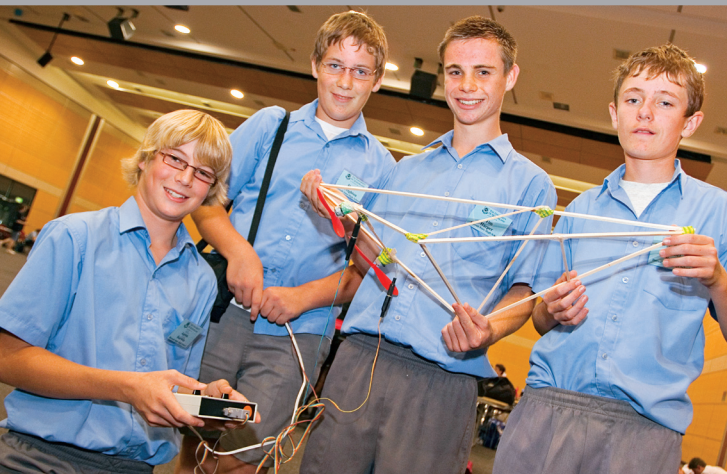
Other news

UQ has a new package of 275 scholarships rewarding academic excellence for school leavers starting University in 2009. This is one of Australia's most generous undergraduate academic scholarships packages. This package includes more than 1500 undergraduate scholarships offered each year. While the Bonus Rank scheme enhances admission applications for Year 12 school leavers, it will not be applied to the scholarship selection process.

Photo: UQ Student Ambassador Teah Pantano (left) with Enhanced Study Program student Holly Woodcroft

UQ Bonus Rank Scheme

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Boost your rank to enrol in your preferred program

The University of Queensland's new Bonus Rank scheme offers students a chance to improve their rank to gain entry to their preferred program.

Year 12 students can now improve their rank by successfully studying Year 12 advanced maths (Maths C in Queensland) and/or a language other than English (LOTE). Successful completion of a university-level course through any Australian university will also improve their rank for the purposes of study at UQ. The scheme is designed to reward achievement, encourage skills that are highly valued by employers around the world and add to students' competitive edge.



Cover photo: first-year Bachelor of Arts student Roxanne Niveri in the Great Court
Photos: Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Science graduate David Wallis (left) and scholarship recipients Katherina Francis and Homa Forotan

Photo: UQ Student Ambassador Teah Pantano with Enhanced Study Program students Paddy Keys-Maepherson and Joel McComber

How do you receive bonus ranks?

The Bonus Rank scheme is for Year 12 students. These students can receive up to five bonus ranks.

On the 1-99 university entry rank scale, to which all Australian Year 12 results can be converted, students will receive:

- 2 points for passing a Queensland Studies Authority or comparable interstate LOTE subject
- 2 points for passing Mathematics C or its equivalent*, and
- 1 point for successfully completing a university-level course such as UQ's Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) or a similar enrichment program via another Australian university.

*ACT – Mathematics II; NSW – Mathematics 3U to 4U; SA/NT – Specialist Mathematics or Maths 2; Tas – Mathematics – Specialist; Vic – Specialist Mathematics; WA – Discrete Mathematics, Applicable Mathematics or Mathematics III; International Baccalaureate – Mathematics (HL); Mathematical Methods (HL or SL).