

# Bonus Points and the Fairway Schemes



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## Emily Cock Coomealla High School

### Received Fairway Access scheme bonus points

Emily Cock grew up in a small country town, Gol Gol, outside of Mildura. "No one in my family had been to university before, but with mum's encouragement, from as far back as I can remember, I always hoped go to uni."

In Year 12 Emily was not sure she would get the score to get into her preferred degree, at her preferred university. But after watching a University of Adelaide presentation on what uni is really like, she felt that her dream might not be out of reach after all.

When the university results were released, her ATAR (then TER) was only 0.1 below the score she needed! However, due to receiving an automatic six bonus points through the Fairway Access scheme, she changed her preferences and got an offer to her top choice – a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts double degree at the University of Adelaide.

"I recommend University to anyone who is interested. With passion for, and motivation in, the area I am studying, coming to uni each day is great fun. I have grown as a person, experienced many exciting and interesting things, all the while surrounded by other people who love the same subjects as I do. I have loved my time here so far at the University of Adelaide."

# Bonus Points and The Fairway Schemes

Bonus points are given to students studying Specialist Mathematics and Languages Other Than English to emphasise the importance of studies in maths and languages. Bonus points are also allocated under the Fairway schemes, which provide high school students who are traditionally under-represented in university education with a greater opportunity to be selected for entry into university.

## Bonus Points

Bonus points were designed to highlight the importance of studying mathematics and languages other than English in higher education.

You will receive bonus points if you successfully complete Specialist Mathematics and/or a Language Other Than English (LOTE), at SACE Stage 2 level, or equivalent. The LOTE subject can be in any language other than English, regardless of whether it is taken at Beginners, Continuers or background Speakers level, but does not include English as a Second Language.

Bonus points are available to both local applicants and international applicants who have completed their Year 12 qualification in Australia.

If eligible, you can receive up to four bonus points each for Specialist Mathematics and/or a LOTE subject, depending on performance. Two bonus points will be given for a C grade (C-, C or C+), three bonus points for a B grade (B-, B or B+), and four bonus points for an A grade (A-, A or A+). Applicants with the International Baccalaureate (IB) or

the interstate equivalent of the SACE are eligible if they have successfully completed equivalent subjects.

You are not required to apply for bonus points received from successful completion of Specialist Mathematics or a LOTE – if you list a University of Adelaide program as a preference on your uni application, SATAC will automatically add the bonus points to your university aggregate and convert it into a new ATAR (you can contact the University if you would like to know what the new ATAR is).

Please note that you can receive bonus points for Specialist Mathematics/LOTE and the Fairway Access or Equity schemes (see previous) to a maximum of nine points.

## Medicine/Surgery

Please note that selection for the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery program no longer includes bonus points gained from successful completion of Specialist Mathematics/LOTE subjects, however selection will still include Fairway bonus points.

# The Fairway Schemes

Studying at university can set you on the career path of your dreams. The Fairway schemes provide a helping hand by giving you access to all the benefits of tertiary study at one of Australia's leading universities.

## What are the Fairway schemes?

The Fairway schemes provide students who are traditionally under-represented in university education with a greater opportunity to be selected for entry into degrees at the University of Adelaide. This includes international students studying Year 12 in Australia.

## What does 'under-represented' mean?

'Under-represented' includes students who went to a high school or who live in a community where the percentage of students enrolling in South Australian universities is low in comparison to the average enrolment rate in other schools and in the rest of the community.

The Fairway schemes were created for people who may not (or didn't) consider going to uni, or following certain career paths, after high school. This might be due to high cut-off scores for their degree(s) of choice, financial reasons, or because they are part of a school and/or community culture that encourages them to get a job rather than going to uni. It could be that they don't know many (or any) people who have been at university, so there's no one to ask, "What's it like at uni?" It may also be because their school doesn't have the resources available to enable them to get into the degree of their choice.



# The two Fairway schemes

## Fairway Access scheme

For students completing Year 12 at an Australian country school or under-represented metropolitan school within South Australia

If you are completing Year 12 and attending a Fairway Access scheme school six bonus points are automatically added to your university aggregate (as reported on the SSABSA certificate), which is in turn used to calculate a new, adjusted Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). You then compete for selection to the University of Adelaide degrees listed on your SATAC application on the basis of your new ATAR.

Eligible applicants under the Fairway Access Scheme are automatically identified through the SATAC system.

## How do I know if I'm at a Fairway Access scheme school?

All Australian country schools defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) as Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote or Very Remote are included automatically in the Fairway Access scheme, with students receiving an automatic six bonus points.

To see if your school is included, visit [www.doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/Publishing.nsf/Content/locator](http://www.doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/Publishing.nsf/Content/locator) and search the map.

The University determines the under-represented metropolitan schools that are to be included in the scheme each year based on confidential information from the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC). Schools are notified if they are included. Check with your Careers Counsellor to see if you are attending a Fairway Access scheme school, as the list is reviewed annually.

## What degrees are available under the Fairway Scheme?

The Fairway Access Scheme applies to all undergraduate programs at the University of Adelaide.

# Fairway Equity scheme

For School Card holders and students receiving Youth Allowance

If you are completing Year 12 at a South Australian metropolitan non-Fairway Access scheme school, but hold a School Card or receive Youth Allowance, you are eligible for bonus points under the Fairway Equity scheme.

Eligible applicants will have up to six bonus points added to their university aggregate (as reported on the SSABSA certificate), which creates a new, adjusted Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank. The newly adjusted ATAR will be used as the basis of your application to programs at the University of Adelaide only.

Unlike the Fairway Access scheme, receiving bonus points through the Fairway Equity scheme is **not automatic**. You will need to complete an application form and submit it to the Student Centre no later than Friday 2 December 2011. Once your application has been processed the University will send a list of those who meet the criteria to SATAC for bonus point allocation.

Download the application form here: [www.adelaide.edu.au/study/high-school/howdoigetin/apply/fairway.html](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/study/high-school/howdoigetin/apply/fairway.html)

# Entry requirements

## Meeting the University selection criteria

You must remember that even if you receive bonus points through the Fairway schemes, you'll still need to meet the published entry requirements to be eligible to receive an offer to study certain degrees. This may include prerequisite subjects, audition requirements, the UMAT and so on. Check the entry requirements for the degrees you are interested in either online at:

[www.adelaide.edu.au/degree-finder](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/degree-finder) in printed University publications such as the Undergraduate Prospectus, or in the SATAC *University Guide*.



# Support services

## Helping you succeed at the University of Adelaide

Students starting at the University of Adelaide are sometimes concerned they will fall behind in their studies if they did not achieve the published cut-off score but gained entry with their bonus points.

Remember, the bonus points serve to level the playing field, adjusting your ATAR to a level comparable to a student who attended a school, or lives in a community, in which lots of students go on to study at university.

We want you to enjoy your time at the University of Adelaide, gain a great deal from the experience and excel in your chosen degree. There are a range of support services to assist all students throughout their time at the University.

### Smooth Start

Fairway students are eligible to apply for the SmoothStart program, designed to help you get the most out of your first year.

As part of the SmoothStart program you will:

- be supported by SmoothStart in Semester 1 of your first year
- have your own Peer Mentor, an experienced University of Adelaide student who can help you and be your guide to University life
- meet other first year students in a fun and relaxed way
- get to know the campus and the services University has to offer
- receive advice about study skills, the differences between University and school and get helpful information from lecturers
- be invited to SmoothStart social events throughout the semester
- be invited to SmoothStart only academic workshops to help you with your study.

You will need to apply for support from SmoothStart, so please check the website for further information and full eligibility criteria:

[www.adelaide.edu.au/student/firstyear/networking/smoothstart](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/firstyear/networking/smoothstart)

### Hub Central

Hub Central is a cutting-edge facility for students to use as a flexible space, in the centre of North Terrace campus. The Hub acts as a 'front door' to the University and initial 'face-to-face' point of contact for all students, with experienced Hub staff offering a 'one-stop, one-step' service for all student information queries. From getting directions around campus, to enrolment enquiries and assistance, to graduation tickets, the Hub will be there to support you for the duration of your studies.

### Careers Service

The Careers Service helps you prepare for, and find your first professional job. At the annual Careers Expo you can meet company representatives and enquire about graduate employment opportunities.

### Counselling Service

The Counselling Service helps you through the tough times, like home sickness if you have to live away from home, exam stress, or relationship difficulties. Whatever the reason your studies and student life are being affected, make an appointment to see a professional counsellor. And, it's **free!**

### Workshops and academic counselling

Study skills workshops and academic counselling are available all year to help you get the most out of lectures and tutorials, and prepare for exams.

### Disability Service

Learning and disability access and support is available for students with disabilities or ongoing medical conditions.

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education: Wilto Yerlo

Wilto Yerlo offers access, learning and support for Indigenous students across all campuses.

### Education and Welfare Officers

Education and Welfare Officers can assist you with a wide range of issues, both internal and external to the University, including legal, financial and Centrelink.

### Accommodation Service

The Accommodation Service provides information on accommodation options, including a database of available properties.

### Transition and Advisory Service

In addition to helping you transition to the University environment, TAS provides assistance with academic skills development, exams and extensions, and in the form of networking programs and grants.



# Getting to know the University before you enrol

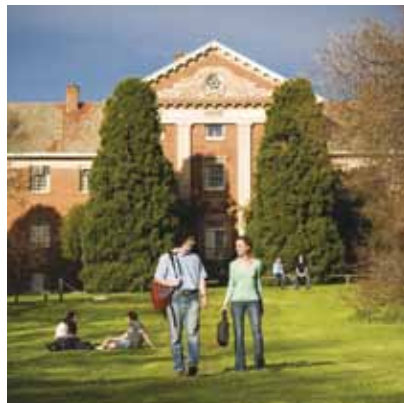
## Never visited the University of Adelaide before?

It's a good idea to visit before you start your uni studies to get a feel for the campus and the kind of university you will be attending. You can walk around the campus at any time by yourself, or you could:

- pick up a copy of the Self-Guided Tour brochure from the Student Centre or Mitchell Building, or download it from this page: [www.adelaide.edu.au/publications/a-z/#S](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/publications/a-z/#S) and take a walk around the uni with family or friends, or

- if you are still in high school, go on a campus tour with your class—your teacher or Careers Counsellor can arrange a tour of the University, or
- visit us on Open Day—held annually in August—check with your Careers Counsellor for dates and times. If you've missed Open day this year, listen to our talks on applying and enrolling, pathways to uni, and various degrees at: [www.adelaide.edu.au/openday](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/openday)

If you can't make it on to campus, take a virtual tour of the University: [www.adelaide.edu.au/tours](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/tours)



# Contacting the University of Adelaide

For more information, please contact us:

Telephone (08) 8313 7335

Freecall 1800 061 459 for interstate and country callers

Online enquiries:

[www.adelaide.edu.au/student/enquiries](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/enquiries)

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