

## Academy U and Uni Step-Up Graduations

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Congratulations to the Year 11 students who participated in the Academy U and Uni Step-Up programs on their recent Graduation.

Academy U is a program run by Western Sydney University, while Uni Step-Up is a program run by Australian Catholic University. Both programs enable students to complete a university level subject alongside their Year 11 Preliminary studies. Successful completion ensures students receive an early offer at the respective institutions.

In **Academy U**, students not only study the subject "Leadership in Complexity", but are taken on a journey from Year 9 to Year 12. As Mikaela B. from Year 12 said *"The program recognised our potential as students and gave us unique learning experiences and opportunities to grow and develop."* Along the way they have had many workshops, masterclasses and one-one interviews assisting them with future pathway decisions, in turn preparing them for life beyond the HSC.

Successful completion of the 'Leadership in Complexity' subject gave students a conditional or unconditional early offer at Western Sydney University as well as access to additional scholarship opportunities.

Mikaela's final words at our recent School Assembly were *"It was a unique opportunity, which allowed our selected cohort to reach new heights in their learning and nurture the qualities they have to offer"*.

In **Uni Step-Up**, students had the opportunity to complete two university units related to a field of study they are interested in. The study areas were Business, Nursing and Midwifery, Criminology and Sports and Exercise Science. There is also a related program, **Step-Up into Teaching**, which offers similar outcomes. Successful completion of these units enabled students to receive a conditional early offer in a related field. This program is much more intensive and involves two full weeks of study during the school holidays while in Year 11. Isabella N. and Emma A. said the following at yesterday's School Assembly:

*By completing these units, we not only gained valuable insights into our chosen field of study but also earned credit towards a related undergraduate course at ACU....This program doesn't just help us in the future, but it has furthered our learning, and provided us with additional insight ahead of completing the HSC. I know I can say that on behalf of all the students that completed the program, we are entirely grateful to be given such an amazing opportunity. We all worked together and showed each other influential support that pushed us through the two units, making our journey a little bit more easier to accomplish. Now, we have a guaranteed early offer into university, which will be a valuable addition to our pathway options after high school. Uni Step-Up is your chance to experience university life by studying two first-year units; you'll get a head start at university, develop uni-level study skills, and discover more about a potential degree*

Congratulations to the following girls who graduated from these courses:

**Academy U:** Zoe A, Mikaela B, Sara E, Veronica F, Sophie K, Ayesha R, and Angela N.

**Uni Step-Up, Business:** Gabrielle A, Jazmin A, Alyssa B, Rihana B, Naydeen P, Mackenzie S, Tania Y.

**Uni Step-Up, Nursing and Midwifery:** Shanice A, Abigale M, Alana S, Lara T.

**Uni Step-Up, Sports and Exercise Science:** Emma A, Alyssa C, Temika J, Isabella N, Irene S.

**Step-Up into Teaching:** Katherine K, Claudia S.