



## Resources for students planning for university who have Asperger's Syndrome

You may not think of yourself as having a 'disability' but the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act is broad and includes Asperger's Syndrome.

At University, the people who can give you information and support are located within Disability Services.

### DURING YEARS 11 and 12

- ✓ Check out the **Get Ready for Uni** website: [www.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready](http://www.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready)
- ✓ **Disability Staff** are available to meet with you, answer your questions about University and let you know how it is different from school. You may be able to have a tour, meet some academics, or even sit in on a lecture.

Once you know which universities you are interested in, consider making an appointment during your term breaks. Contact details:

[www.adcet.edu.au/Uni\\_Disability\\_Advisers.chpx](http://www.adcet.edu.au/Uni_Disability_Advisers.chpx)

- ✓ Plan to go to **University Info Days** (usually in August/September) and meet the Disability Staff. You can contact them ahead of time to let them know you are coming.
- ✓ **Educational Access Scheme (EAS):**  
UAC recognises disability (which includes Asperger's) as a long term educational disadvantage. The EAS may help you get into the course you want. The application form for this is submitted via UAC. At your school, the person who can help you with this is:

## WHO DO I TELL and WHO CAN HELP at Uni?

### Disclosure: It's a Personal Choice

At Uni, you don't have to tell everyone everything. [www.uws.edu.au/ndco/disclosure](http://www.uws.edu.au/ndco/disclosure) is a website that can help you decide what you will disclose about your Asperger's Syndrome and to whom you will disclose.

### University Disability Services

It's strongly recommended that you have a confidential meeting with a Disability Advisor to discuss what services are available. Adjustments such as extensions on assignments or extra time in exams can be provided once you are registered with the Disability Service. Even if you don't think you will need adjustments, it can be good to speak with someone about how things work at uni.

### Making an Appointment

You will need to make an appointment to see a Disability Advisor. It's recommended that you book at least two weeks ahead. You can see a Disability Adviser any time in Year 11 or 12.

Once you are registered, a good strategy might be to make the next appointment before you leave their office.

## RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS:

- Towards Success in Tertiary Study is a series of guides for students with a range of disabilities including Asperger's Syndrome:  
[www.services.unimelb.edu.au/studentequity/success/aspergers.html](http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/studentequity/success/aspergers.html)
- Get Ready for Uni website: [www.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready](http://www.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready)
- National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO): Your NDCO will be able to answer questions you have about your transition from school to Uni. To find your local NDCO in NSW/ACT: [www.yourownpathtosuccess.com](http://www.yourownpathtosuccess.com)



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