



Resources for students planning for university who have a hearing impairment

DURING YEAR 11 and 12

- ✓ Check out the **Get Ready for Uni** website: www.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready
- ✓ Plan to go to **University Info Days** (usually Aug/Sept) and meet the disability staff as well as the course coordinator. If it is difficult for you to hear in a noisy environment, contact Disability Staff BEFORE the Open/Info Day and they can talk to you about alternate arrangements (eg meeting with them or the course coordinator one to one in a quiet environment).
- ✓ **University Disability Staff** are available to meet with prospective students during year 12 (or sooner). Once you know which universities you are interested in, consider making an appointment during your term break. If you can't use the phone, you can email to make an appointment. You can find contact details on this website: www.adcet.edu.au/Uni_Disability_Advisers.chpx
- ✓ **Educational Access Scheme:** UAC recognises disability as a long term educational disadvantage and this scheme may help you get into the course you want to. The application form for this is submitted via UAC. At your school, the person who can help you with this is:

AFTER YOU GET AN OFFER

University Disability Staff are around during the holidays. As soon as possible after you get an offer, make an appointment so you can talk through what adjustments you might need during enrolment and orientation. Disability Staff get very busy as it gets closer to the start of the semester, so it's good to get your appointment made so the adjustments you need will be ready for when classes begin.

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. It's a much bigger place than school so it's important to think through what you want people to know. This website will help you think through what you would like to do so your privacy is protected and you get the help you may need: www.uws.edu.au/ndco/disclosure

Disability Services

If you need adjustments to your study because of your hearing impairment (eg notetakers, lecturers to use a microphone, etc) you will need to register with the Disability Services at Uni and provide medical documentation. The staff will explain how the service works, what your responsibilities are and how your academics will be notified of your adjustments each semester.

Making an Appointment

If you are unable to use a phone, you can email to make an appointment and it is best to make an appointment well in advance. Once you are registered, a good strategy might be to make the next appointment before you leave the office.

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS:

- Towards Success in Tertiary Study is a series of guides for students with a range of disabilities including deafness/hearing impairment
www.services.unimelb.edu.au/edp/policy/success/deafhardofhearing.html
- National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO): Your NDCO can answer questions you have about your transition from school to Uni. To find your local NDCO in NSW/ACT: www.yourownpathtosuccess.com



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