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COLLEGE BULLETIN



***"The future belongs to
those who believe in
the beauty of their
dreams."***

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Dear Students,

As we begin another exciting phase of the university application journey, preparation, curiosity and thoughtful planning have never been more important.

This edition shines a spotlight on the University of California system, key admissions information and upcoming application milestones to help you make informed decisions about your future.

I encourage you to read carefully, ask questions and make full use of the outstanding support offered by our College Counselling Team. Every conversation, every deadline and every application is another step towards achieving your ambitions.

***Mr Andrew Wyeth
Head of School***



From the Desk of the College Counselling Team

As students and families navigate the exciting journey of university exploration and applications, staying informed about the evolving admissions landscape is more important than ever. In this edition, we turn our attention to the University of California (UC) system, one of the most prestigious and sought-after public university networks in the world.

With a single application opening doors to nine outstanding campuses, the UC system offers a diverse range of academic programmes, vibrant campus communities, and unparalleled opportunities for research, innovation, and personal growth. We hope this overview helps students better understand the UC application process and discover the unique strengths of each campus as they begin to shape their higher education aspirations.

Understanding the University of California (UC) Application System



The UC application differs from the Common Application used by many U.S. universities. Instead of a personal statement, applicants complete four Personal Insight Questions (PIQs) selected from eight prompts, allowing them to showcase their experiences, achievements, interests, and personal growth. UC admissions follow a holistic review process, considering academic performance, course rigor, extracurricular involvement, leadership, special talents, and individual circumstances.

Students can explore a wide range of academic opportunities, from engineering and computer science to the arts, humanities, business, and biological sciences. Each campus offers a distinct environment and culture while maintaining the UC system's commitment to academic excellence, research, innovation, and public service



The Nine Undergraduate UC Campuses

- 1 **UC Berkeley** University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley)

- 2 **UCLA** University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

- 3 **UC San Diego** University of California, San Diego (UCSD)

- 4 **UC DAVIS** University of California, Davis (UC Davis)
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

- 5 **UC SANTA BARBARA** University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)

- 6 **UC Irvine** University of California, Irvine (UCI)

- 7 **UC RIVERSIDE** University of California, Riverside (UCR)

- 8 **UC SANTA CRUZ** University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC)

- 9 **UC MERCED** University of California, Merced (UCM)



IB Results – Celebrating the Class of 2026

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2026 for their outstanding achievements and for embodying the spirit of inquiry, perseverance, and excellence that defines the IB journey. We are immensely proud of all that they have accomplished and look forward to seeing them thrive in the next chapter of their academic and personal journeys.

The infographic below highlights the performance of our IB cohort, showcasing key statistics and accomplishments from this year's results. We are delighted to share these achievements and celebrate the collective success of our students, teachers, and the wider school community.





SAT - Test dates and registration deadlines

The SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) is a standardized test administered by the College Board and widely used by U.S. universities in undergraduate admissions. The exam assesses students' skills in Reading and Writing, and Mathematics, providing colleges with an additional measure of academic readiness. While many universities have adopted test-optional policies, a strong SAT score can strengthen an application, support scholarship opportunities, and help students stand out in a competitive applicant pool.

The table below provides the upcoming SAT test dates and registration deadlines to help students plan their testing schedule effectively.

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration / Changes Deadline
22-Aug-26	7-Aug-26	11-Aug-26
12-Sept-26	28-Aug-26	1-Sept-26
3-Oct-26	18-Sept-26	22-Sept-26
7-Nov-26	23-Oct-26	27-Oct-26
5-Dec-26	20-Nov-26	24-Nov-26

Click [here](#) for more info on the dates.

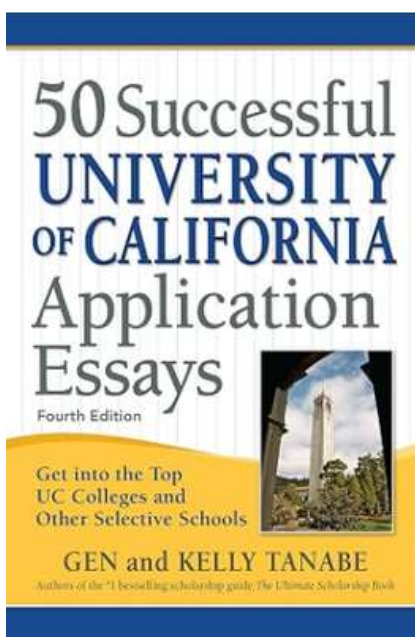


Student Read

Recommended Reading for UC Applicants:

Students interested in applying to the University of California system may benefit from reading 50 Successful University of California Application Essays and resources from the College Essay Guy. These guides offer valuable insights into crafting strong Personal Insight Questions (PIQs) and presenting a compelling application.

Students should also make regular use of the official UC Admissions website, which provides the most up-to-date information on requirements, deadlines, and application tips.





Internal Deadlines / Dates to note



As application season approaches, the College Counselling Department will be conducting the following workshops to guide students through the university application process:

6 August 2026

UCAS

UCAS Application Workshop – Step-by-step guidance on filling up the UCAS application

14 August 2026

common app

Common App Application Workshop – Step-by-step guidance on completing the Common Application.

17 August 2026

Essay Submission – Common App - 1st draft for Early Application