

5 Tips for University Planning

With LANNA's university preparation resources, we're committed to supporting our students on their journey to university and beyond.

Start Planning Early	Focus on Super-Curricular Activities
Begin exploring your interests and university options as early as Year 8. Early preparation helps you understand what top universities expect and gives you plenty of time to build the skills and experiences needed for a strong application.	Go beyond your regular coursework by engaging in super-curricular activities. Take online courses, participate in competitions, and explore research opportunities in subjects that interest you. These experiences demonstrate genuine passion and commitment, qualities that top universities value.
Develop Essential Soft Skills	Document Your Achievements
Universities increasingly look for modern work skills like communication, leadership, and problem-solving. Join school clubs, sports teams, or community service projects to build these skills. Your ability to show adaptability, empathy, and teamwork will set you apart.	Keep track of your academic and extracurricular accomplishments, skills, and community contributions on Unifrog or a similar platform. A well-documented record makes university applications easier and helps you see your growth over time.
Remember the Importance of Academics	
For most university applications, academic performance is critical—especially for the UK and Australia, where A Level results often take precedence, and in some cases, are all that is considered. From the start of your A Level courses, focus on achieving strong grades, as these will be a key factor in admission decisions. Alongside grades, SAT scores may be a secondary requirement, depending on the programme and university. Start planning early by setting clear academic goals, establishing a study schedule, and tracking your progress. Documenting achievements, including any awards or high test scores, can help reinforce your academic strengths, especially if applying to competitive programmes.	

